CALL FOR PAPERS

Conference on “The Post-Crisis Slump”

October 1-2, 2015

Venue: European Commission in Brussels

The DG ECFIN of the European Commission, the European Economic Review, Indiana University and ECARES (Université Libre de Bruxelles) will organize a conference on “The Post-Crisis Slump.”

The conference will be held at the European Commission (Brussels), on October 1-2, 2015.

Six years after the eruption of the global financial crisis, the recovery remains very weak in Europe and in other advanced economies. Some commentators think that the crisis will be followed by secular stagnation. The conference will analyze the causes of the long-lasting post-crisis slump, and discuss policy options.

The organizers welcome submissions of a theoretical or empirical nature related to the theme of the conference. A non-exhaustive list of topics includes:

- The secular stagnation hypothesis
- Is the persistent slump due to weak aggregate demand or supply?
- Did the productivity slowdown pre-date the crisis?
- Potential output and structural reforms after the crisis
- Labor markets, capital formation and productivity since the crisis
- Wage and price adjustment since the global financial crisis
- Below-target inflation
- (Policy) uncertainty
- Fiscal consolidation since the crisis
- Poor fiscal health and the sluggish recovery
- Fiscal austerity and macroeconomic performance
- Debt overhang
- Macroeconomic consequences of deleveraging by households, firms and governments
- Financial cycles and dysfunctional financial markets
- Financial market fragmentation since the crisis
- Financial conditions and potential output
- Cross-country differences in adjustments to the crisis
- Exchange rate regimes and macroeconomic performance since the crisis
- Historical precedents of post-crisis slumps

Selected papers presented at the conference will be considered for a European Economic Review (EER) special issue titled ‘The Post-Crisis Slump’. Authors submitting a paper are asked to indicate whether they wish their paper to be considered for the special issue. The special issue will be edited by the conference organizers. Papers will be refereed according to usual EER standards. However, the editors will expedite the editorial process and aim to make final acceptance decisions by the spring of 2016. It would thus be helpful if authors could present papers that are already relatively complete and polished, at the conference.

The deadline for submissions for the conference is May 1, 2015. Authors will be notified of the final program by May 15, 2015.

To submit a paper, please email a draft or extended outline of the paper in PDF format to post.crisis.slump@gmail.com (please cc: robert_kollmann@yahoo.com).

Travel and hotel expenses of academic authors and discussants will be covered by the EU Commission. The EU Commission will also cover the hotel expenses of authors/discussants based at policy institutions (please contact the conference organizers, if no travel funds from home institutions are available).

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