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34th CIRET Conference

Wednesday, September 12 – Friday, September 14, 2018
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Economic Tendency Surveys and Economic Policy

Special Topic
The use of Big Data in Economic Cycle Statistics and Research

Keynote Speakers
Prof. James J. Heckman, University of Chicago
Prof. Domenico Giannone, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

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Call for Papers

The 34th CIRET Conference will be preceded by

Joint United Nations Statistics Division, FGV, KOF Swiss Economic Institute
and
in collaboration with the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE)

Workshop on
Big Data for Economic Statistics
Tuesday, September 11, 2018, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The overall aim of CIRET conferences is to encourage and improve communication, exchange and co-operation between academics and practitioners who **conduct economic surveys, analyse survey data and develop or make use of cyclical indicators**. CIRET, the Centre for International Research on Economic Tendency Surveys, is also a forum for discussion and application of new methodological developments and their results.

This call invites papers related to a broad range of topics to be investigated **based on several types of surveys** (business tendency surveys, consumer surveys, investment and innovation surveys, etc.). The call also invites papers based on the **development and use of cyclical indicators with survey data, including methodological aspects.** Within this framework, all types of contributions are welcome.

Topics

I. Short-term Economic Surveys and Indicators

- Business Tendency Surveys (including Investment Surveys)
- Consumer Tendency Surveys
- Composite and Leading Indicators
- Ad hoc Surveys
- New Methods
- Real-time monitoring and forecasting
- Surveys amongst experts

II. Surveys Related to Structural Aspects of the Economy

- Innovative Activity
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- Organisational Change
- Labour Market Analysis

III. Special Topic

The use of Big Data in Economic Cycle Statistics and Research

Big data is affecting societies and almost all fields of science including economic statistics and business cycle analysis. Big data means new opportunities. For example, new timely and/or high frequency data is increasingly getting available. Economic activities which could not be covered before with traditional methods now may be so with big data. Or already covered activities changes their characteristics requiring new data gathering methods to be measured and studied. But there are also challenges.

Big data requires the development of new or the adaptation of existing econometric and statistical methods and models for the analysis of data. Data collection is also more challenging and more data means that data collection, data management and data storage has to be adapted.

At the conference, we welcome papers which deal with every aspect of big data for economic research and business cycle analysis. This might improve our understanding of the economy and may lead to better forecasts of the business cycle.

Isaac Kerstenetzky Award

sponsored by FGV, for the best papers
presented at the CIRET Conference in distinct categories

(for details see the CIRET website)

Paper Submission
Deadline: April 15, 2018

Please send your paper including an abstract by filling out the **submission form available from the end of January 2018.**

Your paper has to be submitted in PDF-format.

By the end of May you will be notified whether your paper is accepted for presentation.

The program will be published on the CIRET Conference website in July 2018.

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Journal Submission

Authors are kindly invited to submit their ready-to-publish papers to the joint CIRET and Springer *Journal of Business Cycle Research* (http://www.ciret.org/jbcy) via the journal's Editorial Manager at http://www.editorialmanager.com/jbcy

Submissions will be peer reviewed and accepted by the Editor-in-Chief.

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