

# Economies of Central and Eastern Europe: Convergence, Opportunities and Challenges

3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference, 12 – 14 June 2011 Tallinn, Estonia

## Call for Papers

Following the 2009 and 2010 conferences with participants from nearly all over the CEE region as well as from many other countries, **Tallinn School of Economics and Business Administration** of the Tallinn University of Technology will host the 3rd International Conference "Economies of Central and Eastern Europe: Convergence, Opportunities and Challenges" from 12 – 14 June 2011 in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. This conference, organised in collaboration with the **Society for the Study of Emerging Markets** (based in the USA) and **Eesti Pank** (Central Bank of Estonia), aims to bring together academics as well as practitioners to discuss topical issues and disseminate high quality research in economics, finance and business with a focus on Central and Eastern Europe.

We are delighted to have the opportunity to host **Professor Oded Stark** (University of Bonn), who has worked as professor at Harvard, Vienna and Oslo Universities during his outstanding career, as keynote speaker for the conference. His keynote address is tentatively entitled: "The social liability of the integration of nations: Theory and policy responses."

You are kindly invited to submit papers for this conference. We would especially encourage submissions on macro-economic effects and economic policy considerations under global turbulence and expected recovery; consequences of economic fluctuations on the financial sector and related opportunities; labour market responses to the changing economic environment; and real sector implications of economic distress and related opportunities for recovery. Submissions on other topics falling under one of the Conference Tracks are also very welcome. The conference language is English.

**Conference Tracks:** (1) Macroeconomics, (2) Labour market, (3) Financial markets and institutions, (4) Business environment and (5) International business and trade

## Submissions

Authors are invited to submit **extended abstracts** of their papers by **15 March 2011** electronically (MS Word or PDF format) by e-mail to [ecee@tseba.ttu.ee](mailto:ecee@tseba.ttu.ee). The submitted file should be named with the last name and first initial of the first author (e.g. "SmithJ.doc"). The extended abstract should start with the title of the paper; name of the author(s); affiliation, mailing address, telephone, and e-mail addresses of the author(s); and preferable Conference Track for the paper. The subsequent extended abstract of 400-500 words should outline the background, methodology, data, results and main contribution of the paper. Only abstracts of papers which have not already been published or accepted for publication in journals will be considered. The Conference Committee will review all submissions and the submitting authors will be notified of the decision by 1 April 2011.

After notification of acceptance, a **full paper** must be submitted by **15 May 2011** by e-mail titled "ECEE Paper" to [ecee@tseba.ttu.ee](mailto:ecee@tseba.ttu.ee). Formatting instructions are available on the conference website.

Unless you instruct us otherwise, all accepted papers will be included on the **Conference CD**, supplied with an ISBN number. The CDs will be issued by Tallinn University of Technology and will be distributed to all registered participants during the conference.

## Publications

All papers accepted for the conference are eligible to be considered for publication in one of the following international peer-reviewed academic journals:

- **Emerging Markets Finance and Trade** (EMFT). The articles in EMFT are indexed/abstracted in Current Contents/Social and Behavioral Sciences; Social Sciences Citation Index and other databases. EMFT is published by the Society for the Study of Emerging Markets and M.E.Sharpe Inc. (USA).
- **Eastern European Economics** (EEE). The articles in EEE are also indexed/abstracted in Current Contents/Social and Behavioral Sciences; Social Sciences Citation Index and other databases. EEE is published by M.E.Sharpe Inc. (USA).
- **Research in Economics and Business: Central and Eastern Europe** (REB). REB is indexed in EBSCO and other databases and is published by Tallinn School of Economics and Business Administration of the Tallinn University of Technology (Estonia).

- **Comparative Economic Studies** (CES). The articles in CES are indexed/abstracted in International Bibliography of the Social Sciences and other databases. CES is published by Palgrave Macmillan (UK).
- **Baltic Journal of Economics** (BJE). BJE is abstracted and/or indexed in EconLit, EBSCO as well as SSCI and other databases; and is published by SSE Riga and Baltic International Centre for Economic Policy studies (Latvia).

If you wish your paper to be considered for publication in one of the above journals, please submit by 15 September 2011 your **final full paper**, incorporating any changes arising from the discussion and feedback received at the conference. Papers will be reviewed for the above journals following their normal review criteria. Please note that the acceptance of a paper to the conference is not a guarantee of publication by the journals, but only a limited number of outstanding papers will be published by the journals.

## Program Outline

The conference venue will be **Clarion Hotel Euroopa\*\*\*\*** in Tallinn city centre, walking distance from the Old Town. The conference will begin with Welcome Reception in the evening of Sunday, 12 June in the historical building of the **Estonian Academy of Sciences** in Tallinn Old Town. The Welcome Reception is preceded by a combined bus and walking tour in Tallinn for those who are interested. Monday, 13 June will start with a plenary session in the morning, followed by parallel sessions until evening. The day will end with Conference Dinner in the historical building of a **Medieval Horse Mill**. Tuesday, 14 June will be fully devoted to parallel sessions. All the above events plus lunch and coffee-breaks on both conference days, as well as a Conference CD, are included within the participation fee. Accommodation, transportation and any other costs are excluded from the participation fee. However, a limited block of rooms has been reserved at the conference hotel and can be booked by participants at special rates on a first come, first served basis.

## Registration

Online registration facility is available at the conference website. We kindly ask participants to **register for the conference by 15 April 2011**. The conference participation fee is EUR 260 per participant. Discounted participation fee of EUR 170 is available for students as well as for any persons accompanying the presenters. The **participation fee is payable by 15 April 2011** by means of bank transfer to the Tallinn University of Technology bank account. After that date, participation is possible at a walk-in participation fee of EUR 310 (EUR 210 for students), payable in cash on site during conference registration or by bank transfer beforehand. The conference participation fee also includes 1-year free membership in the Society for the Study of Emerging Markets, providing amongst other benefits member access to EMFT online issues.

## Conference Committee

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## Important Dates

Submission deadline for extended abstracts:	15 March 2011	by e-mail to <a href="mailto:ecee@tseba.ttu.ee">ecee@tseba.ttu.ee</a>
Notification of acceptance/rejection:	1 April 2011	by e-mail to the corresponding author
Deadline for registration and payment:	15 April 2011	online: <a href="http://tseba.ttu.ee/ECEE">http://tseba.ttu.ee/ECEE</a>
Submission deadline for full papers:	15 May 2011	by e-mail to <a href="mailto:ecee@tseba.ttu.ee">ecee@tseba.ttu.ee</a>
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