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***Thirty Years after the Fall of the Iron Curtain:
Transition and Convergence***

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Conference Programme

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Welcome!

The 16th conference, originally scheduled to take place in Naples and in 2020, is the first one in the history of EACES that has to be held as an online-only event. After we had to cancel the conference in 2020, we felt that a second cancellation has to be avoided, even if we can't meet in person, especially due to still quite strong restrictions for international travel.

I am looking forward to interesting keynotes, panels and paper presentations nevertheless – but I will for sure miss the personal and direct communication over a cup of coffee that is also a vital part of any conference. And I know that I share this perception with many colleagues. We intentionally spread the program over five – instead of the usual three – days in order to avoid “Zoom only days” that probably all of us have learned to loathe during the times when online meetings were the dominant mode of professional (and quite often even private) interaction.

We all hope that by fall next year, international travel restrictions and other inconveniences will be phased out in a sufficiently vaccinated world and that we can meet in person from 15 – 17 September 2022 for the 17th EACES conference. Thanks are due to Francesco Pastore who sticks to his invitation to meet in the beautiful city of Naples.

On behalf of the organization team that also includes Ksenia Gatskova, Hartmut Lehmann and Francesco Pastore: Welcome to the first virtual EACES conference!

Jürgen Jerger

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Programme: Overview

Please note: All times indicated refer to Central European Summer Time (CEST).

	Monday 13.9.	Tuesday 14.9.	Wednesday 15.9.	Thursday 16.9.	Friday 17.9.
1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.	R1: OP 2 R2: CP 1 R3: CP 7	R1: OP 1 R2: CP 5 R3: CP 6	R1: OP 4 R2: CP 8 R3: CP 9	Plenary sessions: 1 p.m.: Doctoral Award	R1: OP 6 R2: CP 3 R3: CP 11
4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	R1: OP 3 R2: CP 2 R3: CP 4	Plenary session: Keynote 1	R1: OP 5 R2: OP 7 R3: CP 10	2 p.m.: General Assembly 4 p.m.: Keynote 2	

OP: Organized Panels

CP: Contributed Paper Panels

You will find the schedule of the seven OP sessions and eleven CP sessions below.

R1-R3 refer to the virtual rooms in which all parallel sessions take place.

Here are the links to these rooms:

R1: <https://uni-regensburg.zoom.us/j/61343709450>

R2: <https://uni-regensburg.zoom.us/j/6122812936>

R3: <https://uni-regensburg.zoom.us/j/67787147893>

Links to the plenary sessions are included in the following section.

Plenary Sessions

Keynotes

There will be two distinguished keynotes, organized as webinars. You can access both keynotes via the following link: <https://uni-regensburg.zoom.us/j/66865425109>

Keynote 1: Tuesday, 14 September 2021, 4.00 – 5.30 p.m.

Chair: Francesco Pastore

Tito Boeri (Bocconi University, Milan)

25 Years of Temporary Employment

Keynote 2: Thursday, 16 September 2021, 4.00 – 5.30 p.m.

Chair: Hartmut Lehmann

Armin Falk (University of Bonn)

What's Worth Knowing? Economists' Opinions about Economics

EACES Doctoral Award

Thursday, 16 September 2021, 1.00 – 1.45 p.m.

Chair: Jürgen Jerger

Link to the Doctoral Award Ceremony: <https://uni-regensburg.zoom.us/j/61343709450>

The selection committee, chaired by Jürgen Jerger, unanimously decided to confer the 2021 EACES Doctoral Award to Peter Howard Jones (University of Bournemouth) for his thesis entitled

The Influence of the Washington Consensus Programme on the Transitional Economies of Eastern Europe – a firm level micro economic analysis.

After the brief award ceremony, the winner will present his work.

General Assembly

The formal invitation and agenda for the 2021 General Assembly of EACES has been disseminated in the Newsletter No. 92, available at <https://eaces.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Newsletter92.pdf>.

It will take place on Thursday, 16.9.2021 at 2.00 p.m.. You can access the General Assembly via the following link: <https://uni-regensburg.zoom.us/j/69911690693>

Parallel Sessions

There are two types of parallel sessions: *Organized Panels* (OP 1 to OP 7) have been prepared and submitted as a whole, whereas individually submitted papers are presented in the *Contributed Paper Sessions* (CP 1 to CP 11). See the table in the section *Programme: Overview* above for the time slot and the virtual room in which the panel takes place.

Organized Panels

OP 1

Organizer and Chair:

Judit Ricz (Institute of World Economics, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies; Department of World Economy, Corvinus University of Budapest)

Title:

The Post-Crisis Developmental State: Perspectives from the Global Periphery

Panel description:

This panel intends to broaden the scope of “the developmental state” paradigm within the Varieties of Capitalism (VoC) tradition. The focus is on the role of the developmental state in a situation in which a series of major crises affects the (semi-) periphery of the global economy. The authors go beyond the established debate on developmental states in East Asia by highlighting a much broader understanding of development, a very different global economic context as well as a broader geographical focus. The panel aims to explore the possibilities and constraints that semi-peripheral states in the Global South and East face when seeking new developmental strategies to effectively respond to post-crises challenges.

Papers/presenters:

1. Judit Ricz: Developmental states in the twenty-first century: the role of urgency
2. Miklós Szanyi: Catching-up opportunities of East-Central European States in the Context of Technology Cycles
3. István Kollai: Territorial disparities in post-socialist knowledge-based capitalism: the Case of Slovakia
4. Tamás Szigetvári: The political economy of trade opening in North Africa

OP 2 (Note OP 2 and OP 3 form a “double panel”)

Organizers:

Bruno Dallago (University of Trento) and Sara Casagrande (University of Trento)

Chair:

Jürgen Jerger (University of Regensburg)

Title:

Comparative economic studies: Conceptual issues

Panel description:

After the collapse of the socialist systems in Central and Eastern Europe and the fading of transition/transformation, comparative economic studies are developing new methodological and theoretical tools to explain important new and more traditional systemic phenomena, with policy implications. Issues span from financial and economic crises to health crises, from the challenges of globalization and integration to the role of sovereignty and cultural identity, from inequalities to different paths of adaptation to shocks. The panel aims at assessing the contribution of comparative economic studies to the analysis of the effect of recent global challenges and policy implications.

The panel represents an important opportunity to introduce and discuss some of the contents of the forthcoming Routledge Handbook of Comparative Economic Studies (edited by the proponents of the panel).

The panel deals with new issues addressed with innovative theoretical methodologies and approaches. The presenting authors have been chosen from within and outside our Association in order to represent the variety and dynamism of comparative economic studies by geographical origin, academic experience, methodological approach and topic.

The editors of the Handbook will deliver a short introduction to each session.

Papers/presenters:

1. Satoshi Mizobata/ Ichiro Iwasaki: Comparative Economic Studies of Transition: Six Lessons from Meta-Analyses and Analytical Reviews of the Literature
2. Richard Pomfret: The age of equality and the new conflicts between economic systems
3. Donato Cutolo: Entrepreneurship in the platform economy
4. Miklós Rosta: Varieties of capitalism. Is the transition in Central and Eastern Europe over?

OP 3 (Note OP 2 and OP 3 form a “double panel”)

Organizers:

Bruno Dallago (University of Trento) and Sara Casagrande (University of Trento)

Chair:

Wladimir Andreff (University of Paris 1)

Title:

Comparative economic studies: Specific policy areas

Panel description:

see OP 2

Papers/presenters:

1. Paul Dragos Aligica/Virgil Iordache: Resilience: the comparative economic systems perspective
2. Alexander Chepureenko/Miklos Szanyi: Parallel processes and divergent outcomes: the transformation of former socialist countries
3. David M. Kemme/Bhavik Parikh/Tanja Steigner: International tax evasion: sources, paths, destinations

4. Vladimir Popov: Global health care system after coronavirus: Who has the responsibility to protect
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OP 4

Organizer and Chair:

Magdolna Sass (IWE CERS and BGE)

Title:

Contemporary varieties of state capitalism: the role of the state in shaping the competitiveness and internationalization (of firms and/or sectors)

Panel description:

The panel offers an alternative to the firm-centered and country-level approach of the traditional Varieties of Capitalism framework by focusing on the demand side of the economy, more specifically the role of the state. The presentations explore the role of state intervention in firms' internationalization and investment strategies and investigate the link between growth models and comparative capitalism within the state capitalist variety. The three presentations cover a relatively wide geographical area and a variety of different state capitalist models including Brazil, Hungary, India and China.

Papers/presenters:

1. Judit Ricz/Michael Schedelik: New Developmentalism, Public Banks, and Firm Internationalization: Evaluating Brazil's National Champions Strategy, 2007–2013
 2. Antalóczy Katalin/Sass Magdolna: The role of the state in shaping the competitiveness and internationalisation of the Indian and Hungarian pharmaceutical industries
 3. Agnieszka McCaleb/Ágnes Szunomár/Tamás Peragovics: "Fuelling" knowledge-intensive manufacturing by internationalization? The role of the Chinese state in shaping the competitiveness of the new energy vehicles sector
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OP 5

Organizer and Chair:

Horst Brezinski (TU Bergakademie Freiberg)

Title:

The Present Role of Banking and Finance for Economic Development in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Panel description:

The panel aims at a review of the role of the banking sector in the course of the economic transition processes that took place in the former communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. In addition, the recent structural changes due to digitalization, regulation, sustainability requirements and the rise of FinTechs are analyzed with regard to the present business models of banks and clients.

Papers/presenters:

1. Horst Brezinski: The Role of Banking in the Course of Transition and the Impact of Digitalization on the Business Models of Banks in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

2. Tereza Hejnová/Franz Flögel: The Impacts of the Global Financial Crisis on the European Banking Centers, with Special Focus on the Central and Eastern Europe
3. Thomas Schumann: The Potential Role of the Cooperative Banking Model to Support Regional Development Processes in Transition Countries
4. Detlev Hummel, Claus Luttermann: Eurasian Dynamics, Multinational Banking and EU's Connectivity

OP 6

Organizer and Chair:

Randolph L. Bruno (University College London, School of Slavonic and East European Studies)

Title:

Institutional heterogeneity and national economic performance: 30 years of transition

Panel description:

The panel would reflect on 30 years of transition in the wider global context, in particular what we have learned about ways of thinking about national economic performance. We reflect for example on moving from measuring performance simply in terms of GDP per capita to take account also of inequality, and consider explaining such measures more systematically in terms of institutions, like democracy. We propose that the failure to take institutional heterogeneity into account systematically in the analysis and policy proposals of the 1990s, including political and cultural aspects, helps to explain much of the heterogeneity on transition outcomes. For example, the panel will cover the drivers of political choices and support for reforms, looking at discrepancies between actual inequality and social perceptions of inequality. It will also re-examine the specificities of the Yugoslav institutional model as a potential 'third way' between capitalism and socialism.

Papers/presenters:

1. Elodie Douarin/Tomasz Mickiewicz: Is Post-Communist Transition Over? Policy outcomes and support for further reforms in transition
2. Milica Uvalic: What happened to the Yugoslav economic model?
3. Randolph Bruno/Saul Estrin/Tomasz Mickiewicz: Institutional Complementarities and National Economic Performance: the role of Entrepreneurship vs. Foreign Direct Investment
4. Yuriy Gorodnichenko/Debora Revoltella/Jan Svejnar/Christoph T. Weiss: Resource Misallocation in European Firms: The Role of Constraints, Firm Characteristics and Managerial Decisions

OP 7

Organizer and Chair:

Andrea Éltető (Institute of World Economics, CERS and Institute for Political Science, CSS Hungarian Academy Centres of Excellence)

Title:

Industrial policy and State Aid in EU semi-periphery

Panel description:

The panel analyses some aspects of industrial policy and state aid in the EU's Southern and Eastern member states. After the financial crisis, industrial policy had its renaissance in Europe including these countries. These two semi-peripheries had developed different kind of growth models and we presume that state aid patterns in general seem to reinforce these previous growth models. Our comparative focus allows to detect differences and similarities of state interventions and also to discuss the experiences of the coronavirus crisis. The issue of strategic sectors is also relevant for the "role of the state" analysis.

Papers/presenters:

1. Visnja Vukov: The politics of growth models in Europe's peripheries: Spain and Poland compared
2. Andrea Éltető/Gergő Medve-Bálint: Post-crisis state aid in the EU's periphery
3. Fabio Bulfone: Patient capital, state-business relations, and the privatization of strategic utilities in Italy and Spain
4. Adam A. Ambroziak: COVID-19 State aid in Poland

Contributed Paper Sessions

Please note: The role of the chairperson in the contributed paper sessions is always allocated to the presenter of the last paper. Her or his responsibility is to ensure that each paper gets the same share of the total session time. Usually, this will be 30 min. per paper, including discussion. The presentation should not exceed 20 min. in order to allow for a discussion of at least 10 min. for each paper.

CP 1

Title:

The impact of Covid-19

Presenters/papers:

1. Vasilij Anikin: Labour right violations in Russia: Effects of Covid-19 or path-dependency?
2. Beata Farkas: Management of Covid-19 crisis in varieties of capitalism
3. Andrey Tkachenko: The Changing Perceptions of Corruption during the COVID Pandemic in Russia
4. Valerija Botric: Gender disparities in COVID-19 job losses across European post-transition economies

CP 2

Title:

Trade Issues

Presenters/papers:

1. Ivana Prica: Digital Infrastructure and Services Trade in the Western Balkans
2. Kamshat Saginbekova: Strategic Trade Control: Implications of technology transfer in Central Asian countries
3. Jürgen Jerger: Why protectionism might prevail. A simple game theoretic analysis
4. Mathias Juust: Trade effects of a negative export shock on direct exporters and wholesalers

CP 3

Title:

Labour Markets

Presenters/papers:

1. Misbah Choudhry: Youth Labour Market Performance and Big Macroeconomic Shocks
2. Katarzyna Bech: Estimating gender wage gap in the presence of efficiency wages – evidence from European data
3. Kseniia Gatskova: Temporary employment and political attitudes: Evidence from Poland
4. Jelena Nikolic: Monopsony with heterogenous labour: Evidence from economic transition

CP 4*Title:*

The role of language and cultural norms

Presenters/papers:

1. Michael Rindler: Changing Language Skills and Trade in Europe
2. Masahiro Tokunaga: A conflict of state-led initiative and economic rationality: focusing on the state language and lingua franca in post-Soviet Uzbekistan
3. Elodie Douarin: Feminisation U, Cultural Norms and the Plough
4. Lucas van der Velde: Changes in attitudes towards gender norms following childbirth

CP 5*Title:*

Technology and Development

Presenters/papers:

1. Panika Jain: Sustainable energy transition through energy aid: An application of dynamic GMM and panel quantile regression
2. Xiaodan Yu: Technology and Product Diversification: Evidence from Chinese Manufacturing Firms

CP 6*Title:*

Fiscal Policy

Presenters/papers:

1. Francesca Severini: The Three Biden's Budgetary Plans: Effects on Economic Growth and Income Inequality
2. Yuliya Rodionova: Conflict Resolution Practice in Public Procurement: the Case of Russia and Kazakhstan
3. Sanjaya Acharya: A Nexus between Varying Fiscal Measures and Growth Performance: the Case of Nepal

CP 7*Title:*

Firm Performance

Presenters/papers:

1. Maxim Fokeev: Drivers and directions of airline value proposition development
2. William Bartlett: The performance of politically connected firms in South East Europe: state capture or business capture?
3. Bijoy Rakshit: Does bank competition promote access to finance? Firm-level evidence from selected Indian states
4. Magdolna Sass: State-owned multinationals in the Visegrad countries

CP 8

Title:

Russia

Presenters/papers:

1. Milena Obushcharova: Trust in the Russian public procurement system: improving efficiency in an imperfect institutional environment
2. Andrey Belov: Shadow Economies in Mass Media Reports: Evidences from Russian Crab Harvesting
3. Artem Demyanenko: The impact of public health spending on economic growth in Russia: a regional aspect
4. Victor Gorshkov: Cashless Economy in Russia: Key Development Trends

CP 9

Title:

International spillovers

Presenters/papers:

1. Chiara Franco: Exposure to foreign direct investment and attitudes towards multinational enterprises: do M&As impact?
2. Attila Havas: Smart specialisation strategies in four Central European countries: Policy stances, practice, and impacts

CP 10

Title:

Economic and political systems

Presenters/papers:

1. Norbert Szijártó: Varieties of European peripheries - Varieties of capitalism meets the growth model perspective
2. Sylvia Sztern: The non-Marxian root of challenge to Autocracy in Late Imperial Russia and Post-Soviet Transition
3. Max Deter: Are the Supporters of Socialism the Losers of Capitalism? Conformism in East Germany and Transition Success
4. Martin Myant: Was there a social democratic contribution to thirty years of economic transformation in east-central Europe?

CP 11*Title:*

Insights from micro/household data

Presenters/papers:

1. Sumita Biswas: Unequal Opportunity in Income and Education in India: Revisiting Growth-Inequality Relation
2. Tatiana Volchenko: Predicting employee's behavior based on their non-cognitive characteristics
3. Joanna Tyrowicz: Statistical discrimination at young age: new evidence from four decades of individual data across 56 countries
4. Olga Popova: Double-edged sword: Persistent effects of Communism on life satisfaction