

CALL FOR PAPERS

15th World Congress of the

International Association for the Economics of Participation (IAFEP)

Paris II University, Université Panthéon-Assas

8 – 10 July 2010

Employee Participation for Good Firm Governance

***Study tour of Paris cooperatives, July 7**

The **International Association for the Economics of Participation (IAFEP)** is dedicated to exploring the economics of democratic and participatory economic organizations, such as labour-managed firms, cooperatives and firms with broad-based employee share-ownership, profit-sharing and worker participation schemes, as well as democratic nonprofit, community and social enterprises. The **IAFEP Conferences**, which take place every two years, provide an international forum for the presentation and debate of current research and scholarship on the economics of participation.

Scientific Committee , IAFEP -2010

Jeffrey Pliskin, Fathi Fakhfakh, Felix FitzRoy, Fred Freundlich, Derek Jones, Panu Kalmi, Mark Klinedinst, Niels Mygind, Sonja Novkovic, Virginie Perotin, Andrew Robinson, Charles Rock, Milica Uvalic, Aberto Zevi;

Keynote Speaker : Professor Douglas KRUSE, Rutgers University

The **major themes of the 2010 conference** will be:

- The incidence of democratic economic organizations in industrialized, transition and developing economies
- The effects on firm performance (productivity, profitability, investment, employment and compensation) of various forms of financial and decision-making participation
- Economic Strategies for supporting the expansion of economic democracy
- Law Strategies for supporting the expansion of economic democracy
- The creation, survival and growth of firms with employee participation
- The development and (in)stability of employee share ownership and conventional firms
- Participation and discrimination of marginalised groups
- The reaction of participative firms facing the recent world crisis

As in the past IAFEP conferences, presentations in the following areas are welcome:

- Worker participation
- Employee ownership
- Co-determination
- Profit sharing and stock options
- Self-management, labor managed firms
- Employee involvement programs (self-directed teams, quality circles, works councils..)
- Economic and industrial democracy
- Community and social enterprises

Call for Papers

Submissions are invited from all relevant fields of study including comparative economic systems, industrial and labour economics, organisational studies, management studies, economic sociology, institutional economics, evolutionary economics, economic & law, development economics and studies of economies in transition.

Abstracts (max. 400 words) in English should be sent by e-mail to Fathi FAKHFAKH (fakhfakh@u-paris2.fr) or by post to Fathi Fakhfakh, ERMES, Université Panthéon-Assas, Paris II, 12 Place du Panthéon, 75005 Paris, France, before **31 March 2010**. Abstracts should include full details of institutional affiliation and e-mail and postal addresses.

Papers Complete drafts should reach us by **20 June 2010** in order to be included in the CD that will be handed out to Conference participants.

Horvat-Vanek Prize

The Horvat-Vanek prize is awarded every two years for a research paper of exceptional quality written by a young scholar in one of the areas of interest to IAFEP. The prize, of a value of 1,000 € will be awarded during the conference.

In order to be considered for the prize, researchers and doctoral students aged 35 or under should submit one research paper in English (maximum length 10,000 words) by **15 May 2010** to fakhfakh@u-paris2.fr Please include your institutional affiliation and an abstract, and indicate clearly on the paper that you wish it to be considered for the Horvat-Vanek prize (the recipient will be requested to provide a passport or other official evidence of their date of birth in order to receive the prize).

Practical Information

The nearest sizeable *airport* is Paris (Paris Orly or Paris Charles de Gaulles)

Further information as well as registration for the conference, buses and accommodation is now available on the Conference website: (in progress)

Conference fees:

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| • Academics and professionals from high income countries with institutional funding | 300 euros |
| • Other academics and professionals | 200 euros |
| • PhD Students | 100 euros |

A small amount of **funding** is available for participants from developing and transition economies and students. If you require funding to take part in the conference, please send a letter as soon as you can to fakhfakh@u-paris2.fr, along with your abstract, explaining what you require.

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Conference organization: fakhfakh@u-paris2.fr (Fathi Fakhfakh, Paris II University)

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