

Call for papers

THE RIMINI CONFERENCE in ECONOMICS and FINANCE RCEF-2014

CONFERENCE TITLE: *The Next Convergence*

CONFERENCE DATES: Monday, June 9, 2014 – Tuesday, June 10, 2014

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, March 31, 2014

The last thirty five years have witnessed a dramatic shift between the relative fortunes of Western economies and those of developing countries. The gap brought about by the Western industrial revolution and its aftermath has been narrowing rapidly. The process of globalization has opened up large potential markets and a fast transfer of knowledge, allowing for catching up growth rates never experienced before. In this multispeed environment the future of economic growth dynamics becomes essential not only for the understanding of long run trends but also of fluctuations such as the recent global financial crisis. The economic/econometric models and methods and the related empirical evidence that inform policy discussions are being re-evaluated. This rethinking of macroeconomic policy is in a state of flux which parallels the high speed of the ongoing economic processes.

[The Rimini Conference in Economics and Finance \(RCEF\)](#) is a biennial conference series alternating between Italy and Canada and assembling a group of leading economists to present and discuss their work at the cutting edge of economic research. The RCEF2014 will be held in Rimini from June 9-10, 2014. It is organized by the *Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis* (RCEA), a private, non-profit organization dedicated to independent research in Applied Economics, Theoretical Economics and related fields.

Papers related to Growth and Development Economics, with both a macro and micro focus, are of particular interest to the organizers. The substantial rethinking of acquired methods, models and policies brought about by, what has been appropriately defined "*The Next Convergence*", is taking shape in different branches of Economics. It involves important methodological aspects and we invite papers in quantitative methods (Bayesian Econometrics and Statistics, Classical Econometrics and Statistics, Mathematical Economics, General Equilibrium) as well.

The conference invites submissions from all fields of economics, including macroeconomics, fiscal and monetary policies, public economics, public finance, banking, finance, international trade, labour economics, industrial organization, game theory, economic geography, spatial economics and econometrics, regional development, environmental economics, health economics, economics of tourism, econometrics and quantitative methods.

Rimini Lecture in Economics and Finance

Michael Spence, Nobel Prize 2001, Leonard N. Stern School of Business, New York University

Plenary Speakers

Philippe Aghion, Harvard University and RCEA
Costas Azariadis, Washington University in St. Louis and RCEA
Pranab Bardhan, University of California, Berkeley and RCEA
Robert Kohn (University of New South Wales; Australia)

[The 8th Rimini Bayesian Econometrics Workshop of RCEA and the 5th GLUNLAB workshop of RCEA](#) will be held within The Rimini Conference in Economics and Finance 2014 at the same venue. We plan to run a full set of parallel sessions inside this conference both for the Bayesian and the GLUNLAB workshops.

Papers in all areas of Bayesian econometrics are welcome.

Papers in all areas of economic geography, spatial economic and labour economics are welcome.

SUBMISSIONS

Authors should submit an extended abstract of up to 500 words. Please include with the submission JEL classification codes for the paper, keywords as well as JEL classification codes of the author(s) specialization field(s). Complete papers may be submitted but the extended abstract is required. In case of more than one author, please note the corresponding author.

Proposals for sessions, consisting of three papers, are particularly welcome. If you are interested in submitting a session please send the session topic, paper titles and names of authors and arrange for the abstracts to be sent to the addresses provided below.

To submit a paper to [The RCEF2014 Conference The Next Convergence](#) send an extended abstract to secretary@rcfea.org

To submit a paper to [The 8th Rimini Bayesian Econometrics Workshop](#) send an extended abstract to gary.koop@strath.ac.uk

To submit a paper to [The 5th GLUNLAB workshop](#) send an extended abstract to roberto.patueli@unibo.it

We welcome paper submissions from graduate students.

The deadline for submissions for all three events is **Monday, March 31, 2014.**

REGISTRATION

Registration will start on **April 7, 2014** on the conference website www.rcef2014.org

Participants of the two workshops should register with the general conference and have access to all of the sessions of the RCEF2014 conference as well as the sessions of the two workshops.

Details about paper submission, accommodation and registration will be found at the main conference website www.rcef2014.org. For any questions specific to the RCEF2014, the 8th Rimini Bayesian Econometrics Workshop of RCEA, and the 5th GLUNLAB workshop please contact secretary@rcfea.org

There are no submission fees.

The registration fee for the conference is:

Students	EURO € 90
RCEA Senior Fellows and Fellows	EURO €200
Others	EURO €300
Late Fee	EURO €380

Late fee will be applied to all registrations received after **May 26, 2014.**