

**International Network for Economic Research  
(INFER)**

# **Call for Papers**

**11th INFER Annual Conference 2009**

4-6 September, 2009, at the University of Stirling, Stirling, Scotland, UK

## **Conference Objectives**

The INFER Annual Conference is the main annual event of the International Network for Economic Research. The INFER Annual Conference provides a great opportunity for members and non-members of INFER alike to exchange ideas. The Annual Conference is open to any field of research in economics. Researchers, especially young researchers, are invited to submit theoretical and applied papers across all areas of economics. Young researchers are also encouraged to apply for the young economist award of INFER. Researchers are also encouraged to organize their own sessions.

## **Keynote Speakers**

Prof. Karim Abadir, professor of Financial Econometrics, Imperial College, London.

## **Participants**

The conference is open to anybody involved in economics, including both young and experienced researchers, Ph.D. students, post-doctoral researchers, and professionals from business, government and non-governmental institutions.

## **Paper Submission**

We welcome theoretical, empirical and policy-oriented papers in all areas of economics and financial economics. Abstracts (of no more than 200 words) and papers should be submitted electronically by

**20 April, 2009**

to the scientific committee of the conference as attachments (word doc or pdf format) at the following email address:

[paul.alagidede@stir.ac.uk](mailto:paul.alagidede@stir.ac.uk).

The front page should indicate the authors' full name, affiliation, address, phone/fax, and e-mail for correspondence and JEL classification.

Abstracts and papers must be in English. Papers should not exceed 25 pages (A4 or letter) including all references, tables and the like. Individual authors can submit only two papers.

All papers will be peer reviewed. Authors of accepted papers will be notified no later than

**15 June, 2009.**

**Proposals for complete sessions** are also encouraged. Each session should be made up of three papers. In the submitted proposals, session organizers should indicate the name of the session chair, the names, affiliations, contact numbers and e-mail addresses of the authors and the chair, and the titles of the papers, each accompanied by the paper abstract.

We welcome theoretical, empirical and policy-oriented papers. Participants are expected to serve as programme chairs at the conference sessions.

### **Publication of Papers**

A selection of papers presented at the conference will be published in one or more INFER volumes by publishers such as Edward Elgar or LIT in due course after the conference. For more details of possible publication outlets see INFER publications.

### **Registration Fee**

The registration fee for speakers and other participants will be:

- INFER private members: €150
- institutional INFER members: €150
- non-members: €375

Please note: the annual membership fee for private INFER members is €25 only (institutional INFER members €200). You are invited to become a member!

The fee for late registrations AFTER 30 July 2009 (including on-site registrations) will be:

- INFER private members: €225
- institutional INFER members: €225
- non-members: €500.

## Registration

All conference participants have to register for the conference. Please note that paper submission is not regarded as a registration. For registration visit the INFER website <http://www.infer-research.net/> and follow the link “registration”.

Deadline for registration and payment:

**30 July, 2009.**

All registrations made after this deadline are regarded as late registrations. Registration fees are non-refundable.

Once INFER has received your registration form and registration fee, you will get a confirmation by e-mail.

## Location

The conference will be held at the University of Stirling, Scotland. Stirling is one of the most attractive places to visit in the UK, capturing the historic and contemporary in a unique atmosphere. The City of Stirling is just two miles from campus - less than 10 minutes by bus. This makes Stirling big enough to offer a full ‘city experience’: shopping, café culture, performing arts and nightlife. You’ll soon learn that Stirling is linked to two of Scotland’s historic heroes: William Wallace and Robert the Bruce. Along with a dramatic medieval castle, these give it a magical aura.

Nestling where the Scottish highlands and lowlands meet, it’s no surprise that Stirling is known as ‘the heart of Scotland’. On your doorstep is the peace and tranquillity of unspoiled mountains, lochs and shores – perfect for outdoor activities such as walking, canoeing, mountain biking and sailing. And, as the geographical heart of Scotland, Stirling naturally has superb links to the rest of

the country and beyond. In particular, both Edinburgh and Glasgow are only 45 minutes away by road or rail.

## **Travel**

Getting to Stirling is well served with a variety of transport routes:

### **By Air**

You can fly to either Edinburgh or Glasgow Airports from a wide range of international and domestic airports. It may be the case, however, that if you are flying in from a country that does not go direct to either of these airports that your journey will have to go via one of the London airports. There are very regular shuttle flights to both Glasgow and Edinburgh from London.

Frequent coach transfers are available from each of the two airports to their respective city centres. From there, visitors can access the frequent and reliable train services which run to Stirling from both Edinburgh and Glasgow.

If you are planning to drive, Glasgow Airport is approximately a 1 hour 20 minute drive to the University campus while Edinburgh Airport is a 45 minute drive.

### **By Rail**

Stirling's location in the heart of Scotland ensures that the city enjoys excellent rail links with all major Scottish cities and, in turn, with the rest of the UK. Regular Scotrail train services run from both Edinburgh Waverley Station and Glasgow Queen Street Station. Details of all Scotrail services can be found at: [www.firstgroup.com/scotrail](http://www.firstgroup.com/scotrail)

It is recommended that you alight at Stirling train station (not Bridge of Allan) and then make your way to the University by bus or taxi. Taxis are available from Stirling Rail Station concourse, with most buses to the University departing from Murray Place bus stop located just up the hill from the rail station.

If you want to walk from the station, this will take around 40 to 45 minutes.

If you are coming from further afield the following can be used as a guide for rail travel times to Stirling.

Intercity Services from London to Stirling Station - 5 hours 15 minutes.

Edinburgh to Stirling - 45 minutes.

Glasgow to Stirling - 35 minutes.

Leeds to Stirling - 4 hours, 15 minutes.

Manchester to Stirling - 4 hours, 30 minutes.

Bristol to Stirling - 7 hours.

### **By Bus**

The University is served by excellent bus links from Stirling city centre. At peak times some 19 buses per hour run from Stirling to the main University campus. The principal provider of bus services is First, with routes 50, 53, 54, 58, 62 and 63 all running to and from the University and Murray Place, Stirling. In addition, Ferguson's buses run to and from the University on routes 50 and 153. (Please note that while the service is regular, a 15 minute wait can sometimes be expected.) Click on the following links for further information:

[www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/scotland/sescot/home/](http://www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/scotland/sescot/home/)

In addition Scottish City link are operating a service [from Edinburgh to the University](#).

### **Accommodation**

Participants are responsible for their travel and accommodation arrangements. The registration fee does not cover accommodation. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. You will find more information on accommodation on [www.infer-research.net](http://www.infer-research.net) when it comes closer to the conference.

### **Further Information**

Questions about local organization issues may be directed to the local conference organizers

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Questions about INFER may be directed to the INFER Board through:

[info@infer.info](mailto:info@infer.info)