

Workshop on Firm-Level Data Analysis in Transition and Developing Economies
April 23-24, 2009
Edinburgh, Scotland

Call for Papers

The COST network on comparative analysis of firm-level data invites submissions of papers and extended abstracts for a workshop on research using enterprise micro data from transition and developing economies. The purpose of the research should be to examine the effects of major structural reforms on firm behavior and performance. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, industry dynamics, productivity, innovation and R&D, corporate governance, competition, employment and wages, adjustment costs, entrepreneurship, privatization, FDI, and business and policy environment.

The conference is organized by the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research and the Scottish Institute for Research in Economics, with sponsorship from the COST Programme of the European Commission, support from Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC), and coordination from the Central European University Labor Project. It will be held at the University of Edinburgh in downtown Edinburgh. Invited Keynote Speakers include Mark Roberts (Pennsylvania State University) and Johannes Van Biesebroeck (University of Toronto and University of Leuven).

Either complete papers or extended abstracts may be submitted. Abstracts should be 400-600 words, including a description of the data used in the analysis. **Deadline: February 10, 2009.** Please send your paper/abstract to ediworkshop@upjohn.org. Questions may also be directed to this email address.

Funding of travel expenses is available for presenters of accepted papers from COST signatory countries. The network website contains a list of current countries; others may be added (http://w3.cost.esf.org/index.php?id=233&action_number=IS0701). Support for selected developing economy researchers is available from the IDRC. Please indicate in the submission with your email whether you require funding for your travel expenses (this will not affect acceptance decisions). There is no registration fee for paper presenters, but participants should register by April 1, 2009.

Scientific Committee: J. David Brown (Heriot-Watt University), John S. Earle (Upjohn Institute for Employment Research and Central European University), and Johannes Van Biesebroeck (University of Toronto and University of Leuven).

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Information on the conference program and local details will be available on the COST network website: <http://web.ceu.hu/labor/cost>.