

Call for papers

Rethinking Competitiveness, Structural Reforms, and Macro Policy

Bank of Italy, Rome
5-6 October, 2017

The conference, organized by Bank of Italy, CEPR, and CEBRA's International Trade and Macroeconomics Program, will focus on recent challenges for macroeconomic policies and structural reform design, with an emphasis on micro-macro linkages. Issues of particular interest include the links between international trade and competitiveness, the implications of dispersed productivity growth, and the role of macroeconomic imbalances. We welcome both theoretical and empirical contributions.

Specific topics could be related (but not restricted) to:

- The interdependence between monetary and fiscal policies and structural reforms (the regulation of product and labor markets, trade and FDI, institutions)
- Exchange rates, monetary policy and international trade
- Structural reforms: micro mechanisms and aggregate effects
- External competitiveness, market regulation, and macroeconomic imbalances
- Productivity dynamics: firms' strategies and resource allocation
- Trade and productivity
- Markup determination and price dynamics
- Granularity and macroeconomic fluctuations
- Production networks: the effects on productivity and the transmission of shocks

Keynote Speakers: Thomas Chaney (Sciences Po) & Giancarlo Corsetti (Univ. of Cambridge)

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How to Apply

Papers (drafts or extended abstracts) should be submitted through Conference Maker® (<http://editorialexpress.com/conference/CEBRAconfBI2017>) no later than Sunday April 30, 2017.

When submitting the paper, please indicate whether you are willing to act as a discussant. Decisions will be notified by Wednesday May 31, 2017.