

## **XXXI ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ITALIAN SOCIETY OF PUBLIC ECONOMICS**

The Italian Society of Public Economics (SIEP) announces its XXXI Annual Conference, to be held in Torino, Italy, on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The general theme of the Conference is:

### **Quality of government, economic development and social welfare**

With the expression *Buongoverno* Luigi Einaudi referred to a liberal theory of political economy aimed at defining policies compatible with the existence of a market economy and aimed at maximizing collective welfare. The theme of *Buongoverno* was a comprehensive framework, the main principles of which are the freedom of competition and a policy against monopolies, the 'equality of starting points' and the 'elevation from below', and the optimum tax. Einaudi's intellectual construction may represent now, as then, a precious theoretical structure for addressing relevant questions about economic policy and the nature and content of welfare economics.

In fact, the role of political and economic institutions in securing property rights, effectively providing essential public goods and services in a non-discriminatory and non-corrupt way, and guaranteeing democratic participation and equal access has attracted renewed interest in recent years. However, what the quality of institutions exactly means remains an open issue, ranging from the recent emphasis on the ability to promote economic growth *per se* to wider ranging objectives of fighting inequality, promoting well-being and fostering the involvement of private for-profit and not-for-profit actors in pursuing the public good.

The Scientific Committee of the Congress invites submissions of papers addressing the theoretical and empirical issues concerning the investigation of the heterogeneity in the quality of institutions, both across countries at the international level and across local and regional governments at the subnational level; how the quality of government ought to be defined and measured; what policies promote and preserve high quality institutions; finally, the impact of the quality of institutions on economic growth, inequality, trust, or specific policy areas (e.g., education, social security, health, arts and culture, and the environment).

A list of topics for the Conference is the following:

1. Multi-level finance and public budgeting; fiscal federalism
2. Public choice, political economy; voting
3. Theoretical and empirical analyses of taxation and income redistribution; welfare economics; inequality
4. Asymmetric and private information; mechanism design; games and auctions
5. Public policy evaluation; labor market and pension reforms; health; education
6. Market structure, pricing, and design; economics of regulation; antitrust issues and policies
7. Role of supranational governments and EU institutions; fiscal competition and international tax coordination and integration; migration
8. Macroeconomic policy-making; monetary policy

9. Externalities; environmental taxes and subsidies; climate change; international agreements
10. Cultural economics
11. Experimental economics and happiness studies
12. Law and economics

The keynote speaker of the Conference is Kai Konrad (Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance).

The Scientific Committee of the Conference is chaired by Federico Revelli (Università di Torino) and Gilberto Turati (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore) and composed by the following scholars from the Università di Torino: Enrico Bertacchini, Giorgio Brosio, Nerina Dirindin, Simone Pellegrino, Giovanna Segre and Roberto Zotti. In addition, the following scholars have kindly accepted to collaborate with the Scientific Committee: Massimo Bordignon (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore), Paola Borrione (Fondazione Santagata per l'Economia della Cultura), Emanuele Bracco (Università di Verona), Antonio Dal Bianco (Eupolis Lombardia), Luca Gandullia (Università di Genova), Angelo Grasso (IPRES Puglia), Patrizia Lattarulo (IRPET Toscana), Alberto Majocchi (Centro Studi sul Federalismo), Massimo Marrelli (Università di Napoli Federico II), Maria Teresa Monteduro (Dipartimento delle Finanze), Santino Piazza (IRES Piemonte), Fabio Padovano (Università Roma Tre), Pietro Tommasino (Banca d'Italia).

Contributors must submit their papers by May 20th 2019 through the following link:

<http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SIEP2019/>

Submitted papers should include abstract, JEL codes and keywords. Only completed papers will be considered.

The Scientific Committee will inform authors about the acceptance of papers by June 7th, 2019. All participants need to register and pay the SIEP association and participation fee to the Conference by July 3rd, 2019. Registration form and fee payment instructions will be available at the following link:

<http://www.siepweb.it/siep/it/xxxi-conferenza-2019>

Young authors may benefit of a waiver on SIEP association and participation fee and register to the Conference for free by attaching to the submitted paper a declaration of their PhD supervisor certifying that they are doctoral students or obtained their doctoral degree after January 1st, 2018.

The preliminary program of the Conference will be posted by July 19th, 2019. Final papers should be submitted to the previous link (as an update of the early submission) by September 9th, 2019.

The 2019 edition of the SIEP prize is open to authors under the age of thirty-five. All authors of the paper must satisfy this requirement. To compete for the prize, authors must declare their intention at the time of submission or registration.

The Conference will also host the granting of the Etta Chiuri prize: this prize is reserved to economists under forty years of age who have submitted papers on household decision-making process, housing market imperfections, illegal migration. All the details about the prize will be available at:

<http://www.siepweb.it/siep/it/premi/premio-etta-chiuri#>.

SIEP members are invited to circulate the call for papers to all potentially interested colleagues. Further announcements about the Conference will be published on the SIEP website:

<http://www.siepweb.it/siep/it/xxxi-conferenza-2019>