



33rd CIRET Conference

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Economic Tendency Surveys and Economic Policy

Special Topic

Nowcasting

Keynote Speakers

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Call for Papers

The 33rd CIRET Conference will be preceded by

**Joint United Nations (UN) and Statistics Denmark Workshop on
Rapid Estimates**

Tue, September 13, 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark

The overall aim of CIRET conferences is to encourage and improve communication, exchange and co-operation between academics and practitioners who conduct economic surveys, analyse survey data and develop or make use of cyclical indicators. CIRET, the Centre for International Research on Economic Tendency Surveys, is also a forum for discussion and application of new methodological developments and their results.

This call invites papers related to a broad range of topics to be investigated based on several types of surveys (business tendency surveys, consumer surveys, investment and innovation surveys, etc.). The call also invites papers based on the development and use of cyclical indicators with survey data, including methodological aspects. Within this framework, all types of contributions are welcome.

Topics

I. Short-term Economic Surveys and Indicators

- ◆ Business Tendency Surveys (including Investment Surveys)
- ◆ Consumer Tendency Surveys
- ◆ Composite and Leading Indicators
- ◆ Ad hoc Surveys
- ◆ New Methods
- ◆ Real-time monitoring and forecasting
- ◆ Surveys amongst experts

II. Surveys Related to Structural Aspects of the Economy

- ◆ Innovative Activity
- ◆ Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- ◆ Organisational Change
- ◆ Labour Market Analysis

III. Special Topic

◆ Nowcasting

Various statistics to assess and monitor the state of the economy are usually only available with a delay and furthermore, even then they are subject to subsequent revisions. However, for analysts and policy makers a timely assessment of the economic situation is essential. Also, among forecasters there is a need for timely information on the current situation and the recent past as a basis for their forecasts.

Surveys among economic agents provide insights into their assessments, expectations, behaviour and motivations. This data can be used in nowcasting, especially as this data is timely available. Progress in IT technologies has paved the way to new data sources and to real-time data. Can nowcasting be improved with survey data or with other new data sources?

The special topic invites papers on research about nowcasting methodologies and on the use of various data sources for nowcasting. Research questions and issues for the special topic sessions could for example be

- Comparison of existing nowcasting methodologies.
- Development of new nowcasting methodologies.
- Innovative applications of nowcasting.
- Can nowcasting be improved with the use of survey data?
- The use of innovative data sources for nowcasting.
- Can survey data be improved or changed to better suit nowcasting?

Isaac Kerstenetzky Award

sponsored by FGV, for the best papers
presented at the CIRET Conference in distinct categories
(for details see the CIRET website)

Paper Submission

Deadline: April 15, 2016

Please send your paper including an abstract by filling out the **submission form available from end of January, 2016**.

Your paper is submitted in PDF-format.

By the end of May you will be notified whether your paper is accepted for presentation.

The program will be published on the CIRET Conference website in July 2016.

Journal Submission

Authors are kindly invited to submit their ready-to-publish papers to the joint CIRET and Springer *Journal of Business Cycle Research* (<http://www.ciret.org/jbcm>).

Submissions accepted by the Editor-in-Chief will be peer reviewed.

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