

RTN Workshop
**Research Training Networks in Economic Sciences:
Experience and Opportunities**

London, 11 October 2007

Programme

- DAY 1** **The Seventh Framework Programme: Opportunities for the Economic and Social Sciences**
Venue: Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts - 62-64 Gower Street (Entrance Malet Street) London WC1E 6ED
- 13.00 – 13:30 Registration and coffee
- 13.30 – 13:45 Opening remarks: **Stephen Yeo** (CEPR)
- Session 1** **The 7th Framework Programme: Opportunities for the Economic and Social Sciences**
- 13:45 – 14:05 The **PEOPLE** programme:
Theodius Lennon (European Commission, DG Research)
- 14:05 – 14:25 The **COOPERATION** programme:
Pierre Valette (European Commission, DG Research)
- 14:25 – 14:45 The **IDEAS** programme:
Mathias Dewatripont (European Research Council, Member of the Scientific Council)
- 14:45 – 15:00 General Discussion
Facilitator: **Natalia Balcázar** (ENVIRO pro)
- 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break
- Session 2** **Linking Research to Policy**
- 15:30 – 16:00 The impact of Social Sciences Research on Policy:
Veronica Littlewood (Economic and Social Research Council, Communications and Information Directorate)
- 16:00 – 16.45 Panel discussion
Panellists: **Pierre Valette, Theodius Lennon, Mathias Dewatripont, Natalia Balcázar and Veronica Littlewood**
- Facilitator: **Stephen Yeo** (CEPR)

16.45 – 17:00	Closing remarks Richard Portes (LBS and President of CEPR)
17:00	Reception
20.00	Dinner for RTN participants

DAY 2

RTNs and the Social Sciences: Experiences and Potential

*(Venue: **Northampton Suite** (City University), Northampton Square, London, EC1V 0HB)*

09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 11:00	Economic sciences in RTN FP6: short presentations of the networks Plenary session with RTN team leaders, young researchers, EC officials Facilitator: Stephen Yeo (CEPR)
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break and poster presentations
11.30 – 13.00	Delegate Forums – Session 1 Bottom-up networking meetings (parallel sessions) organised by delegates to gather together colleagues interested in a particular area of research, methodology or practice. Facilitator: Vivian Davies (CEPR)
13:00 – 14:00	Buffet lunch and poster presentation
14:00 – 15:30	Delegate Forums – Session 2 Facilitator: Vivian Davies (CEPR)
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break and poster presentations
16:00 – 17:00	Final Plenary Session Report-back from delegate forums, followed by discussion and synthesis of key issues.

DAY 3

Bridge to the Future: Communicating social science research

(Venue: **Centre for Economic Policy Research**, 53-56 Great Sutton Street London EC1V 0DG and **Northampton Suite** (City University), Northampton Square, London, EC1V 0HB)

- 10:00 – 11:00 Science and Society –
Communicating social science research to a wider audience
- 11:00 – 11:45 New techniques for dissemination and communication: Web 2.0/Science 2.0
- 11:45 – 12:15 Frank Marx
- 12:15 – 13:15 Lunch
- 13:15 – 15:45 2 parallel training sessions:
Media presentation skills/science communication
Proposal writing (**Northampton Suite**)

ANNEX

The following networks are invited to the event:

MRTN-CT-2003-504799 ECGTN

Core Project Title	European Corporate Governance Training Network
Start Date	1/10/2004
Finish Date	30/09/2008

ECGTN will reduce the European research and training gap in corporate governance by bringing together Europe's leading academics and institutions from law, economics, finance, political economy and management to train doctoral students in conducting world class research in this area.

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MRTN-CT-2003-504796 EEEPE

Core Project Title	The Economics of Education and Education Policy in Europe
Start Date	01/04/2004
Finish Date	31/03/2008

This project focuses on several critical issues of education acquisition and impact in European countries. Acknowledging and describing institutional differences in education systems across European countries, it will establish who benefits from education policy, and as certain the wider benefits of education and its impact on economic performance.

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MRTN-CT-2003-505223 ENABLE

Core Project Title	European Network for the Advancement of Behavioural Economics
Start Date	01/04/2004
Finish Date	31/03/2008

During the last two decades a growing number of empirical studies have revealed widespread violations of key assumptions that underlie conventional economic theory, violations which result in outcomes that are markedly different from those generated by the conventional theory. This has led to a search for psychological principles that complement or, if necessary, replace these conventional assumptions in order to improve the explanatory power of economic models. Important empirical and theoretical issues are, however, still unresolved. The proposed network aims to advance this emerging field of behavioural economics in Europe.

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MRTN-CT-2004-512398 MICRODATA

Core Project Title	Microdata Methods and Practice
Start Date	01/04/2005
Finish Date	31/03/2009

The overall objective of the proposed Research and Training Network on Microdata Methods and Practice is to conduct and stimulate research on, and provide training in microdata research methods and practice, disseminate the results of this research, and provide a repository of information on microdata methods and practice for new and established users in Europe and the world.

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MRTN-CT-2004-512439 UEE

Core Project Title	Unifying the European Experience: Lessons of History for Pan-European Development
Start Date	01/11/2004
Finish Date	31/10/2008

The network will contribute to the development of a truly European economic history profession, by analysing the economic development of Europe as a whole. The network will collect pan-European data for two time-scales, the long run (i.e. the past 150 years), and the very long run (i.e. the past 1000 years). It will use up-to-date economic techniques, both theoretical and econometric, to analyse these data and provide accounts of European growth, European economic integration, and the changing nature of Europe's economic relationships with the rest of the world, in the long run and very long run.

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MRTN-CT-2006-034270 COMISEF

Core Project Title	Computational Optimization Methods in Statistics, Econometrics, and Finance
Start Date	15/12/2006
Finish Date	14/12/2010

The scope of quantitative research broadens due to the increasing availability of large data sets. In order to extract relevant information new statistical procedures are developed. Often, these procedures result in complex optimization problems which cannot be tackled by standard algorithms. Thus, there is an urgent need for the further dissemination of recent advances in heuristic optimization.

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MRTN-CT-2006-035850 INTACCT

Core Project Title	The European IFRS Revolution: Compliance, Consequences and Policy Lessons
Start Date	01/01/2007
Finish Date	31/12/2010

The network currently involves researchers in accounting, finance, economics, law and related areas from 10 different universities. The INTACCT network will aim to foster industry-academia cooperation, by establishing constructive dialogue with accounting regulators and practitioners, and the users of financial reporting information from the investment community.

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MRTN-CT-2006-035873 TOM

Core Project Title	Transnationality of Migrants: Enduring ties with the home country and integration in the host
Start Date	01/01/2007
Finish Date	31/12/2010

This project aims to highlight the ties that migrants maintain with their home country, as they integrate in the host country. The project will assess how migration contributes towards increasing trade, creating larger capital flows (mainly through remittances), and increasing foreign direct investment (by spreading information on investment opportunities). The research agenda will be organized around five themes: (1) Migrants' transnational practices; (2) Remittances, the skill composition of migration, and social networks; (3) International trade flows, foreign direct investment and migration; (4) Migrants' integration, social and business networks; (5) Gender and the intra-household effects of migration.

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MRTN-CT-2006-036077 TIES

Core Project Title	The Integration of the Second Generation
Start Date	01/10/2006
Finish Date	30/09/2010

This RTN seeks to develop a framework of European level training on one of the key areas of migration and ethnic studies. The originality of the RTN is to be built on an European comparative survey - the TIES survey- that investigates processes of integration in 15 cities in eight countries (Sweden, Germany, France, Spain, Netherlands, Belgium, Austria and Switzerland). The TIES survey will tackle the broad issue of integration by looking more specifically at the second generation – the children born of immigrant parentage. The acquired position of the second generation –here the Turkish, Moroccan, Greek and ex-Yugoslavian second generation (18-35) and a native age group-, in the domains of education, labour market, housing, identity, social relations, family formation, transnationalism, religion, will be analysed through an international standardized survey. The interdisciplinary research team will use of a unique international data set on the second generation gathered by some of the leading European institutes on migration and ethnic studies. Most of the participating institutes are member of the EU funded network of excellence IMISCOE.

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Doctoral Research Training at Manchester School of Accounting and Finance Acronym MCF-MSAF

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Warwick Economics Marie Curie Host Fellowships Acronym WEMCH

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PhD Programme in Business and Management Acronym PHDPBM

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Management of National Diversity at the Individual, Group, and Societal Level Acronym MONDE

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European graduate programme in Social Protection Policy Acronym ESPP

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Quantitative Methods in Economic Analysis Acronym QMEA

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