



**CALL FOR PAPERS – Deadline 30 April 2010**

# **11th Annual Bank of Finland/CEPR Conference: BANKING IN EMERGING ECONOMIES**

**Helsinki, 7-8 October 2010**

**Co-organized by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**

Evidence suggests that the costs of banking crises in terms of lost economic growth are higher in emerging market economies than in industrial countries, and that problems in a single bank have a high probability of turning into a systemic crisis. The evidence also suggests that in recent years many banking systems in emerging markets experienced a deep transformation under the pressure of internal financial liberalization, increased openness to international capital flows, and technological and financial innovations. The most recent financial crisis and global recession have put further pressure on banking institutions and financial markets in emerging economies.

The Bank of Finland and Centre for Economic Policy Research are inviting submissions to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Bank of Finland/CEPR Conference. The conference aims at bringing together scholars from the different fields of economics and finance and macroeconomics to present and discuss the latest research on banking and financial markets in emerging markets as well as their impact on the rest of the economy. Both theoretical and empirical papers are welcome.

## **Topics**

Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Foreign banks, privatization, domestic mergers and the structure of the banking sector
- Assessing banks' financial performance and risks in emerging economies
- Competition, efficiency and stability of the banking sector
- Banks and the rest of the financial industry in emerging economies
- Special issues of financial supervision in emerging economies
- Corporate governance issues in banking
- Banks and macroeconomic performance in emerging economies
- Banks and transmission of monetary policy in emerging economies
- Banks and financial crises in emerging economies

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The conference will take place in Helsinki. Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered for academic participants presenting or discussing papers. Please indicate on your online reply form whether you will be able to cover your own travel costs or whether you will require funding from the organizers. Where the organizers do contribute to travel costs, these will be allocated in accordance with the CEPR Travel Guidelines [www.cepr.org/meets/WKCN/misc/trp.pdf](http://www.cepr.org/meets/WKCN/misc/trp.pdf).

To respond to this Call, please visit [www.cepr.org/YourProfile/Meetings](http://www.cepr.org/YourProfile/Meetings). The deadline for replies is **18:00 GMT on Friday 30 April 2010**. In the online registration form you will be asked to specify if you wish to present a paper, if you wish to act as a discussant, or if you just want to attend the meeting as a general participant. If you would like to submit a paper proposal, please upload a one-page abstract or provisional draft online. The authors of the selected papers will be informed by Friday 16 July.

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