

9th IWH-CIREQ Macroeconometric Workshop: Challenges of Forecasting in Applied Macroeconometrics

Call for papers

The Halle Institute for Economic Research and the Centre interuniversitaire de recherche en économie quantitative (CIREQ) are organizing the 9th Macroeconometric Workshop to be held in Halle (Saale) on December 4-5, 2008.

Forecasting is a key tool in applied macroeconomics. However, occurrences like the subprime crisis are a great challenge for forecasting. On the one hand, it is of interest whether a crisis will occur or not. On the other hand, the forecasts of real or financial variables might be disturbed by crisis' or other instabilities. Both facets should be addressed by the workshop. It is aimed to bring together academic researchers and practitioners. Each topic is opened by a keynote speaker, followed by contributed papers.

Contributed papers should address one of the following topics:

- Evaluating forecasts and forecast horizons for macroeconomic variables (Keynote speaker: John Galbraith)
- Forecasting under structural breaks (Keynote speaker: Barbara Rossi)

Please submit an abstract (preferably an extended abstract up to 800 words and, if possible, in PDF format) along with information on paper title, name(s) of author(s), contact details and favored session to Birgit.Schultz@iwh-halle.de. The submission deadline is **September 30, 2008**. All proposals will be peer-reviewed by the workshop scientific committee. Authors will be informed of the acceptance decision by the end of October.

A conference fee will not be charged. Further information will be provided on the website <http://www.iwh-halle.de/d/start/News/workshop041208/info.htm>.

Scientific committee: Ulrich Blum (IWH, President), Jean-Marie Dufour (Konrad Adenauer/Humboldt Fellow, IWH, and CIREQ), Heinz P. Galler (Chair of Econometrics, Martin-Luther-University of Halle-Wittenberg), Joachim Wilde (IWH, Chief Econometrician).