



CEPR Conference on Applied Industrial Organisation

Madrid, 13-15 June 2019

Organisers: Natalia Fabra (UC3M), Volker Nocke (Mannheim), and Ali Yurukoglu (Stanford)

The organisers and steering committee of the 20th CEPR Conference on Applied Industrial Organisation (IO) are writing to invite you to submit a paper or to express your interest in attending the conference, which will take place in Madrid, 13-15 June 2019. The conference will be organised by Natalia Fabra (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and CEPR), Volker Nocke (University of Mannheim, NBER and CEPR) and Ali Yurukoglu (Stanford University and NBER).

The event is hosted by Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and will take place at Caixa Forum, across the street from the Prado Museum in central Madrid. Financial support for the conference is generously provided by Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Obra Social La Caixa, Journal of Industrial Economics (JIE), University of Zurich, European Research Council (ERC), and CEPR.

Conference Details:

The Applied IO conference series seeks to contribute to the understanding of the breadth of topics analysed within the field of Industrial Organisation, including demand, productivity, competition in the short- and long-run, innovation, investment, and auctions, to develop empirical protocols and tests of economic models, to promote the exchange and the dissemination of results at the forefront of research, and finally, to evaluate current competition and regulation policies. It will cover the state of the art in both theoretical and empirical Industrial Organisation.

Last year the conference “returned to its roots” and witnessed enhanced collaboration between IO economists from both sides of the Atlantic. This year the conference hopes to sustain this development and, in addition, particularly seeks submissions analysing research questions using theoretical methods. To foster informed discussion of such work, we are happy to confirm the attendance and participation of Heski Bar-Isaac (Toronto), Dirk Bergemann (Yale), Luis Cabral (NYU), Joe Harrington (Penn), Igal Hendel (Northwestern), Ken Hendricks (Wisconsin), Justin Johnson (Cornell), Bruno Jullien (Toulouse), Leslie Marx (Duke), Massimo Motta (UPF), Xavier Vives (IESE), Frank Wolak (Stanford), and Jidong Zhou (Yale).

Young European researchers are encouraged to apply to the concurrent CEPR/JIE School for Industrial Organisation. The goal of the school is to provide a forum for young European researchers in Applied IO to get exposure for and receive feedback on their work. In an experimental format this year, researchers accepted to the school will give very short presentations of their work at some point during the conference and participate in poster sessions during extended lunch periods on both full days of the conference. Given

its goals, only young researchers pursuing or having recently (within four years) received a PhD from a European economics program are eligible. Preference will be given to those students expecting to go on the academic job market in 2019-20, with additional (though lesser) preference given to other applicants according to their time since PhD completion.

Applicants to the main conference that are eligible and wish to also be considered for the school should indicate such with their submission. In such cases, no separate school application is necessary. Further details about the school are included in its own Call for Papers available here:

https://cepr.org/sites/default/files/cepr.madrid.2019.Applied%20IO%20SCHOOL%20call%20for%20papers.FINAL_6.pdf.

Please forward this call to others, especially junior faculty, who might have papers suitable for the conference or school. Papers will be selected by a committee of the organisers. Anyone may sign up to receive future calls for this conference at <https://www.econ.uzh.ch/en/people/faculty/crawford/cepr.html>.

Paper Submissions and Deadlines:

The deadline for submissions is **Friday 18 January, 2019 at 18:00 (GMT)**. Authors will be notified about whether their paper has been accepted in March 2019.

Authors can upload their submission by visiting the registration link: <https://portal.cepr.org/cepr-conference-applied-industrial-organisation> and logging into your CEPR account. If you do not currently have a CEPR account, please create a new profile here <https://portal.cepr.org/user/register> and then click on the registration link above. If you have any difficulties registering for this meeting, please contact Mandy Chan, Events Officer, at mchan@cepr.org or +44 20 7183 8804.

Accommodation and Accommodation Funding:

We have reserved a block of rooms for the conference via a Madrid-based travel agency. *We have learned that 13-15 June is a particularly busy time due to a large concurrent conference in the Madrid city centre.* Accepted participants will be sent the travel agency website information and should go there as soon as possible to select the hotel at which they wish to stay and indicate whether their accommodation expenses will be covered by the CEPR (as indicated in their acceptance letter).

We are unfortunately unable to guarantee accommodation expenses will be covered for all participants on the programme. Accommodation expenses for participants not on the program are not often funded, but will be considered. Please let us know with your submission whether you wish to be considered for accommodation funding. Funding priority will be given to junior faculty. As typical, travel expenses will only be covered in exceptional circumstances according to the usual [CEPR Travel Guidelines](#).

Yours sincerely,

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