

XII EURO-LATIN STUDY NETWORK ON INTEGRATION AND TRADE (ELSNIT) FOSTERING REGIONAL REGULATORY INTEGRATION

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Euro-Latin Network on Integration and Trade (ELSNIT) is now accepting submissions of papers examining the impact of product market regulation on cross-border trade and investment and regional integration. The aim of the conference is to promote contributions from analysts and practitioners from different academic disciplines (economics, law, political science, business). Papers may focus on economic, institutional, or social dimensions of approaches to identifying and addressing the market-segmenting effects of regulatory policies, and may be empirical or normative.

Submissions of papers should address questions such as—but not limited to—the following:

- **Impacts of Regulation on Trade and Investment.** How large is the trade and investment impact of differences in regulation across countries on economic variables such as productivity, price-cost mark-ups, market structure, wages, employment, etc. at the firm-, sector- or aggregate level? Do we observe differences in the treatment of 'regional' investors and producers and those that have their headquarters or production facilities outside the region? How do different types of regulatory policies interact? Sectoral effects and differences – goods versus services; SMEs vs. large firms. Regulatory impacts on supply chain organization and investments.
- **Regional Cooperation.** What approaches have been pursued in the context of regional integration initiatives to reduce trade and investment barriers? How effective have these been? What has the experience been with implementation of cooperation agreements? What could comprise a solid analytical basis to assess the strength and weaknesses of diverse strategies to foster regional cooperation to reduce regulatory barriers to trade and investment? What are the developmental effects of different types of regulatory cooperation – harmonization, recognition, equivalence – and what benchmarks could be used to evaluate the impacts of international cooperation on regulation? How can the pursuit of furthering regulatory integration (reducing regulatory barriers to trade) support strengthening regional social and economic cohesion?
- **Political Economy Issues.** What constituencies are the main players in regional cooperation on regulatory matters? What role do business interests play? SMEs as opposed to large multinationals? Civil society groups? Labor organizations? To what extent and how do the approaches that have been agreed in recent 21st century trade agreements (EU-Korea; US-Korea; EU-Canada; etc.) or that are being proposed (in the TPP, P4, TTIP) address the political economy of regulatory integration? Is international cooperation at a sector or horizontal level more effective than through trade agreements? What role does (could/should) dispute settlement play in the design of regulatory cooperation? What can be learned from technical assistance efforts and transfer programs in the context of regional integration agreements, including those pursued by the European Union?

Papers dealing with one or more of these issues using data and examples from a specific region are welcome. We would especially encourage the submission of proposals that draw on the experience of different regions. Both theoretical and empirical contributions will be considered, but in all cases priority will be given to papers identifying and shedding light on relevant policy questions such as those outlined above.

The selected papers will be presented along invited contributions at the XI Annual ELSNIT Conference that will be hosted by the European University Institute in **Florence, Italy, on October 17-18, 2014.**

A recognized expert in the field will comment upon each paper. All the papers and discussions will be circulated as working documents of the network. The authors are free to submit the papers to academic journals, stating that they were presented at the XII Annual ELSNIT Conference.

Procedures for Submission of Papers

All researchers who are associated with a European or Latin American/Caribbean based academic or research institution are eligible to submit papers. While detailed abstracts will be accepted, there is a strong preference for nearly completed papers. Submission should be accompanied by a statement declaring the institutional affiliation of the authors. The papers should be written in English.

To register for the conference and submit a paper, please fill out this **FORM** and follow the instructions therein.

The deadline for submissions is **April 30, 2014**. The final selection of papers will be made by **May 30, 2014** by the network coordinators –László Bruszt (EUI), Marise Cremona (EUI), Matthieu Crozet (CEPR and University of Paris 1), Simon Evenett (University St. Gallen and CEPR), Holger Görg (University of Kiel and Kiel Institute for the World Economy), Bernard Hoekman (EUI and CEPR), Jacint Jordana (IBEI and UPF), Gianmarco Ottaviano (London School of Economics and CEPR), and Christian Volpe Martincus (IDB/INT)--together with Professor Jacques Ziller (UP-FPS, Pavia) who is an external advisor to the network. The final versions of the papers must be delivered by **September 20, 2014**.

The selected authors' and invited discussants' travel expenditures (economy class) and per diems to participate at the conference will be reimbursed by the IDB. Detailed guidelines explaining the logistics of the conference will be provided at a later stage. Please circulate this call for papers among your colleagues and other potentially interested parties.

Background Information

The Euro-Latin Study Network on Integration and Trade (ELSNIT) is an initiative of the Inter-American Development Bank to create in Europe a forum on integration and trade issues relevant to Latin America and the Caribbean. The main objectives of the Network are to generate research, studies and debate on these issues, draw on a rich European experience and perspectives and increase interaction between European and Latin American researchers. The annual conference organized in the framework of the Network focuses on a particular issue each year.

The ELSNIT Network is coordinated by a Steering Committee that currently consists of the Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales (CEPII), Paris, France; the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW), Kiel, Germany; the European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy; the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona, Spain; the University of St. Gallen, St. Gallen, Switzerland; the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), London, United Kingdom; and the IDB (INT and INTAL).