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INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS

The current global economic crisis: challenges and responses in Asia and in the EU
February 1 (afternoon), 2 (morning)

and

Korean studies and research: state of the art

Venice, February 2 (afternoon)

The objective of the workshop **The current global economic crisis: challenges and responses in Asia and in the EU** is to bring together academics, practitioners and PhD students working in the area of Asia and the EU issues. The Workshop will provide an opportunity for participants engaged at the forefront of this area to discuss open problems and challenges and may, in turn, suggest fruitful directions for future research.
The Workshop, organised under the auspices of the Department of Economics, the Department of East Asian Studies of the University Ca' Foscari Venice and of the University of Limerick, is the third of a series dedicated to various aspects of Asia and the EU relationship.

The latter financial crisis has rapidly become an economic crisis and a social crisis in many countries. Even if the crisis was triggered by events in the US housing market, it had its roots in unsafe/insane practices in financial markets and banking sector and it has spread to all regions of the world with consequences for global trade, investment, growth, fuel and food, social conditions, quality of human wellbeing. It is not yet clear what the current global crisis will mean for many countries in the middle term, and for the most vulnerable population, especially in low-income countries. As the Japanese experience has shown, second–round real effects of the financial crash could be particularly severe. The euro area has been hard hit by the decline of external and domestic demand, while the main Asian emerging and developing countries showed some signs of recovery which is going to accelerate the balance of power among companies and countries in the global arena.

It is essential therefore to discuss the consequences of a crisis of unprecedented dimensions in a connected and interdependent world. There are several strong reasons supporting this line of action. Rising food and fuel prices along with employment insecurity are among the factors leading to increasing inequality during an economic downturn. Investment in the economic, social, environmental, and cultural sectors are relevant tools to accelerate recovery towards economic stability, since a world that is greatly out of balance is neither stable nor secure.

The workshop's aim is to compare social and economic impacts, reactions, consequences, relationships, lines of action, and policies put forward in both Asia and the EU.

The organizers encourage submissions of papers on any topic within the overall theme of the workshop and in the following areas in particular**:**

- crises in an historical and cultural setting

- economic growth
- cultural and social aspects
- governance and politics
- business and the private sector
- humanitarian and/or social responses
- public finance
- free trade versus protectionism

Those wishing to present a paper at the workshop should submit abstracts by January 25, 2010 to the address given below.

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The objective of the workshop **Korean studies and research: state of the art** is to bring together academics, practitioners and PhD students dealing with the economic, social and cultural issues of Korea. The Workshop will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss the current state of the art in these fields and to suggest useful directions for future research and meetings.
An enlarged discussion group is scheduled for the following day (February 3, morning), according to the number of participants.
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LOCATION

Faculty of Economics, San Giobbe 873
February 1 (2.00 pm) room 2A
February 2 (9.00 am) room 3A

ACCOMMODATION

Rooms for participants will be booked in the Hotel Tre Archi, a Hotel situated in front of the Faculty of Economics, where the workshop will be held (www.hoteltrearchi.com). Please in the booking specify the title of our workshop
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