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Institutions that Change the World

Inaugural World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research (WINIR) Conference

11-14 September 2014, Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London, UK

It is now widely accepted that institutions, broadly defined as systems of established social rules, are key factors of social life. Institutions affect economic performance and human well-being. Although the nature and role of institutions are matters of active research in several academic disciplines, including (but not limited to) economics, history, law, philosophy, politics and sociology, there is a need for the development of shared understandings that can help promote creative conversations across disciplinary boundaries.

WINIR has been established to advance this agenda. Unconfined to any single discipline, WINIR welcomes contributions from any approach that can help us understand the nature and role of institutions.

The inaugural WINIR conference will be held on the grounds of the stunning Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich, London, UK. The conference will start in the afternoon of 11 September and finish on the morning of 14 September with a guided tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site that includes the Royal Observatory, home of the Greenwich prime meridian.

Keynotes lectures, representing five academic disciplines, will be given by:

Geoffrey Ingham (University of Cambridge, sociology); Timur Kuran (Duke University, economics); Katharina Pistor (Columbia University, law); Barry Smith (SUNY Buffalo, philosophy); Kathleen Thelen (MIT, politics).

Abstract submissions (400 words max.) from any discipline are welcome. All submissions must be explicitly about institutions (or organisations), and/or address institutional thought.

Submissions will be evaluated by the WINIR Scientific Quality Committee, currently composed of:

Peter Boettke (George Mason University, economics);

Simon Deakin (University of Cambridge, law);

Geoff Hodgson (University of Hertfordshire, economics); Timur Kuran (Duke University, economics):

Uskali Mäki (University of Helsinki, philosophy);

Katharina Pistor (Columbia University, law);

Sven Steinmo (European University Institute, politics);

Wolfgang Streeck (Max Planck Institute Cologne, sociology).

All conference participants must be members of WINIR.

The conference registration fee is £320, excluding the official conference dinner. To benefit from the early-bird registration fee of £270 registration must be completed by 31 May 2014.

Please note the following important dates:

| 28 February 2014 | Abstract submission deadline | 31 July 2014 | Registration deadline for accepted authors |
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| 1 April 2014 | Notification of acceptance | 1 August 2014 | Non-registered authors removed from programme |
| 1 April 2014 | Registration opens | 31 August 2014 | Registration deadline for non-presenters |
| 31 May 2014 | Early registration deadline | 1 September 2014 | Full paper submission deadline |

For information about the conference theme please write to Geoff Hodgson (g.m.hodgson@herts.ac.uk). For information about the conference venue please write to David Gindis (d.gindis@herts.ac.uk). Queries regarding membership and conference fees should be addressed to Francesca Gagliardi (f.gagliardi@herts.ac.uk).

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The conference website: URL: http://winir.org/?page=events&side=conferences&sub=winir_2014