



EU FP7 Project

e-Frame "European Framework for Measuring Progress"

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Workshop "The Wealth of Nations in a Globalizing World"

Groningen, The Netherlands, July 18-19, 2013

Call for Papers

Globalization has improved the livelihoods of millions of people around the world. The global sharing of technology, knowledge, capital and labor has led to unprecedented increases in GDP per capita. At the same time, this process has large distributional consequences, as exemplified by increasing inequality trends both within and across countries. The separation of production and consumption locations also re-enforced scarcity issues surrounding non-renewable resources and led to deeper questions about the ultimate responsibility of polluting activities. As globalization has entered a second phase, in which production processes are sliced up in geographically dispersed activities, these issues have become more urgent than ever.

This two-day workshop aims at exchanging and discussing state-of-the-art knowledge regarding the quantification of various positive and negative aspects of globalization. The emphasis is on macro-oriented studies, which got a substantial impetus from the recent availability of databases describing the world production structure, such as the EXIOPOL, WIOD and Eora databases. Concepts like offshoring, inequality, global value chains and environmental (carbon) footprints will be central to this meeting. We also welcome related research on systematically collected microdata. The workshop is aimed at providing bridges between (academic) researchers, employees of statistical agencies and policy-makers. One particular aim is to tackle the challenge of national statistical offices in quantifying these effects in a broader measure of welfare.

The workshop will be a small-scale event. Next to one or two keynote speeches (Johannes van Biesebroeck, professor at the Catholic University of Leuven, agreed to deliver a lecture) a limited number of thematic parallel sessions are envisaged.







Timeline and other details

Deadline for abstract submissions: May 1, 2013 Notification of acceptance: May 16, 2013 Submission of full papers: July 5, 2013

Researchers interested in presenting a paper at this workshop are invited to submit a title and an abstract (with a maximum of 300 words) by e-mail to b.los@rug.nl. There is *no* registration fee for this conference. It should be stressed that all participants are required to cover their own costs for travel, hotel and other expenses, as the organizers *cannot* provide any funding. Lunch and dinner will be provided for free.

Short description of the e-Frame project

e-Frame is the acronym for European Framework for Measuring Progress, a coordination and support actions project funded by the European Commission, under the 7th Framework program. It follows the need to go *beyond GDP* to measure the well-being of people and societal progress, by fostering the on-going debate among all relevant stakeholders. It does so by developing a European research network and supporting National Statistical Institutes' measurement initiatives in this field. e-Frame covers main thematic areas in the *beyond GDP* debate like sustainable development, subjective well-being, social capital, human capital and labor markets, intangible assets, new national accounts architectures, environmental indicators and welfare effects of globalization. Inputs for future research and guidelines for action will be provided.

Local organizing Committee

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