

The Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB)

DECISION TO AWARD:

4 RESEARCH GRANTS ON 'FISCAL FEDERALISM'

The IEB received 36 applications for the Research Grants on 'Fiscal Federalism' advertised in its Open Call. Three of the applications corresponded to projects studying 'Fiscal Federalism in Spain'.

As a result, and in accordance with the conditions of the Open Call, the directors of the IEB's Research Program on Fiscal Federalism (Núria Bosch & Albert Solé-Ollé) decided to reserve one of the grants for a project focusing on Spain, and to award the remaining three to international projects.

In both cases, the projects awarded were selected on the basis of:

- The CVs of the researchers
- The scientific merit of the project
- The relevance for policy-design

The Spanish project selected by the directors of the research program was:

Spanish project

Francisco Pedraja Chaparro (University of Extremadura) and **José Manuel Cordero** (University of Extremadura): *Analysis of Alternative Proposals to Reform the Spanish Intergovernmental Transfers System for Municipalities*

In view of the number of high quality applications for the international projects, the selection was made by a committee comprising the directors of the research program and by one renowned expert in the field: Jorge Martinez-Vazquez (Georgia State University).

The three international projects awarded are:

International projects

Gilberto Turati (University of Turino), **Daniel Montolio** (University of Barcelona, IEB) and **Massimiliano Piacenza** (University of Turino): *Fiscal Decentralisation, Private School Funding, and Students' Achievements. A Tale From Two Roman Catholic Countries.*

Steeve Mongrain (Simon Fraser University) and **Jay Wilson** (Michigan State University): *Tax Competition with Heterogeneous Capital Mobility*

Timothy J. Goodspeed (Hunter College and Graduate Center of CUNY): *Corruption in Decentralized Countries*

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