

1st MEETING ON TRANSPORT ECONOMICS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Barcelona, February 14, 2014

Although the transport sector cannot be considered as one of the culprits of the current economic crisis, it is obviously influenced by its consequences. The ability of the public sector to finance new infrastructure projects or to subsidise the operational deficits of public transport modes has certainly diminished. This is forcing administrations around the world to reassess their investment and pricing policies. Other current debates in transport economics focus on the possibilities of curbing atmospheric emissions, the effects of liberalising sectors that had been insulated from competition or the changes in accessibility due to urban and regional transformations, among others.

The aim of this meeting is to discuss recent research in the area of transport economics. The meeting will focus on issues related to pricing, investment and competition. However, research papers in other areas of transport economics and infrastructure analysis are also welcome both from empirical and theoretical perspectives. Between 10 and 12 papers will be accepted for presentation and discussion at the meeting, which will take place during a single day at the University of Barcelona (Av. Diagonal, 690, Barcelona).

Keynote speaker: Stef Proost (Center for Economic Studies, KU Leuven)

Main topics of interest

- Infrastructure investment and finance
- Pricing issues in urban transport
- Air transport and airport management
- Railway economics: infrastructure access and competition
- Public transport: performance, efficiency and regulation
- Governance, ownership and competition issues in transport
- Energy and environmental issues in transport

Submission and registration

Papers should be sent to ieb.workshop@ub.edu by November 11, 2013. Only papers presented in PDF format and no longer than 30 pages will be considered.

Papers will be evaluated by the scientific committee. The acceptance decision will be notified to authors by December 13, 2013. Free accommodation for one night (before or after the conference) will be provided to presenters of accepted papers. Presenters may be asked to act as discussants of another paper.

Further information about the workshop will be available at the workshop webpage, which can be accessed through the IEB website: www.ieb.ub.edu.

Important dates

- Deadline for submission of papers: November 11, 2013
- Notification of accepted papers: December 13, 2013

Registration & fees

Presenters / discussants / Ph.D. students: free

Early registration (70 €): October 1 to January 15, 2014

Late registration (150 €): January 16, 2014 until conference day (depending on availability)

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