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## 31<sup>st</sup> CIRET Conference

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### Economic Tendency Surveys and Economic Policy

*Special Topic*

#### Measurement beyond GDP - the Use of Surveys

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## Call for Papers

The overall aim of CIRET conferences is to encourage and improve communication, exchange and co-operation between academics and practitioners who conduct economic surveys, analyse survey data and develop or make use of cyclical indicators. CIRET, the Centre for International Research on Economic Tendency Surveys, is also a forum for discussion and application of new methodological developments and their results.

This call invites papers related to a broad range of topics to be investigated based on several types of surveys (business tendency surveys, consumer surveys, investment and innovation surveys, etc.). The call also invites papers based on the development and use of cyclical indicators with survey data, including methodological aspects. Within this framework, all types of contributions are welcome.

### Topics

#### I. Short-term Economic Surveys and Indicators

- ◆ Business Tendency Surveys (including Investment Surveys)
- ◆ Consumer Tendency Surveys
- ◆ Composite and Leading Indicators
- ◆ Ad hoc Surveys
- ◆ New Methods
- ◆ Real-time monitoring and forecasting
- ◆ Surveys amongst experts

#### II. Surveys Related to Structural Aspects of the Economy

- ◆ Innovative Activity
- ◆ Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- ◆ Organisational Change
- ◆ Labour Market Analysis

### III. Special Topic

#### ◆ Measurement beyond GDP - the Use of Surveys

Surveys among economic agents provide insights into their behaviour and motivations and thereby enrich economic research with new perspectives and research questions, e.g. in the fields of business cycle research, welfare measurement, socio-economic analyses, public choice, behavioural economics, etc.

Economic policy currently has begun to challenge traditional measures of public welfare and turns to alternative concepts, which take a broader perspective on welfare and the determinants of economic behaviour (e.g. European Commission's "Beyond GDP"-initiative, and the French "Commission on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress"). Against this background we invite papers which use survey data to contribute to a better understanding of the judgements, perceptions, values, motivations and behaviour of economic agents.

#### Isaac Kerstenetzky Award

sponsored by FGV, for the best papers  
presented at the CIRET Conference in distinct categories  
(for details see the CIRET website)

#### Paper Submission

**Deadline: April 15, 2012**

Please send your paper including an abstract by filling out the **submission form available from end of January, 2012.**

Your paper is submitted in PDF-format.

By the end of May you will be notified whether your paper is accepted for presentation.

Titles, papers and authors of accepted papers will be published on the CIRET Conference website in June 2012.

#### Journal Submission

Authors are kindly invited to submit their ready-to-publish papers to the joint CIRET and OECD Journal of Business Cycle Measurement and Analysis (JBCMA) (<http://www.ciret.org/jbcma>).

Submissions accepted by the Editor-in-Chief will be peer reviewed.

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