

VENICE SUMMER INSTITUTE
**WORKSHOP ON “THE MANY DIMENSIONS
OF COMPETITIVENESS”**

Venice International University, San Servolo, 20-21 July 2007

PROGRAMME

Friday, 20 July 2007

Session 1

09:00 - 09:05 **Welcome Address**
PAUL DE GRAUWE

09:05 - 10:05 **Keynote Lecture: TBA**
SALA-I-MARTIN

10:05 - 10:30 Coffee Break

Session 2

10:30 - 11:30 **OECD Views on Competitiveness**
ROMAIN DUVAL and Jean-Philippe Cotis
Discussant: Reinhilde Veugelers

11:30 - 12:30 **Concepts and Measurements of Competitiveness and Comparative Advantage:
Towards an Integrated Approach**
ECKHARD SIGGEL
Discussant: Harry Bowen

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

Session 3

14:00 - 15:00 **Explaining and Forecasting Euro Area Exports: What Competitiveness Indicator
Performs Best?**
MICHELE CA'ZORZI and Bernd Schnatz
Discussant: Christoph Fischer

15:00 - 16:00 **An Assessment of the Trends in International Price Competitiveness among EMU
Countries**
CHRISTOPH FISCHER
Discussant: Michele Ca'zozzi

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee Break

Session 4

16:30 - 17:30 **Benchmarking the Competitiveness of Nations: Benevolence versus Equal
Treatment?**
HARRY BOWEN and Wim Moesen
Discussant: Eckhard Siggel

20:00 Conference Dinner



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Session 5

09:00 - 10:00 **Taxes and Competitiveness**
MICHAEL KNOLL
Discussant: Richard Frensch

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

Session 6

10:30 - 11:30 **Product Variety and Technical Change**
RICHARD FRENCH and Vitalija Gaucaite-Wittich
Discussant: Leo Sleuwaegen

11:30 – 12.30 **Competitiveness: A Comparison between China and Latin America**
FELICITAS NOWAK-LEHMANN, Sebastian Vollmer and Immaculada Martínez-Zarzoso
Discussant : Laura Márquez-Ramos

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

Session 7

14:00 - 15:00 **Understanding the Determinants of International Trade in African Countries: An Empirical Analysis for Ghana and South Africa**
LAURA MÁRQUEZ-RAMOS
Discussant: Felicitas Nowak Lehmann

15:00 – 16:00 **Which Policies Matter for Competitiveness of Vietnam’s Textiles and Garments Firms?**
PHAM THI ANH TUYET, Nguyen Thang, and John Cockburn
Discussant: Helga Kristjánsdóttir