

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Center for Research on Pensions and Welfare Policies invites paper submissions for the

10th Anniversary Conference

Saving for Old Age in a Financial Turmoil: New Challenges for Households, Providers, and Policy-makers

24-25 September 2009

Collegio Carlo Alberto, Moncalieri, Turin

Mario Draghi, Governor of the Bank of Italy, will held the second Onorato Castellino Lecture on September 24.

Overview

The recent financial crisis calls into question the very grounds of pension reforms in Europe, in particular the risk diversification rationale for adding a private, funded pillar to the public one. Inadequate financial market performance and limited financial literacy among households fuel the temptation of "going back to the State". But how far is a verdict of "failure" of the pension market justified? The conference aims at addressing various issues within this broad picture, on both a theoretical and a policy level.

Conference topics

Submitted papers should focus on issues related to: retirement savings; risks and guarantees; pension funds performance and asset allocation; private pension provision and agency problems; labour markets and pension designs; saving and housing wealth; financial literacy.

Programme committee

Elsa Fornero, Annamaria Lusardi, Giovanni Mastrobuoni, Giovanna Nicodano, and Guglielmo Weber.

Submission procedure and deadlines

Please e-mail a draft paper or long abstract to cerp@cerp.unito.it by May 22, 2009 (only electronic submissions will be considered). Acceptance and inclusion in the program will be confirmed by June 30, 2009. Final drafts will be due by September 11, 2009.

Logistic information

The conference will take place at Collegio Carlo Alberto (<http://carloalberto.org>), Via Real Collegio 30, Moncalieri, Turin, Italy. Travel and accommodation expenses for speakers will be covered by CeRP.

A registration form for those wishing to attend the conference without presenting a paper will be posted on the CeRP website <http://cerp.unito.it> by the end of June.

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