

THE METAMORPHOSIS OF THE «EMILIAN MODEL»: IS THERE STILL A FUTURE FOR INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS?

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Call for Papers

The research project on the *Metamorphosis of the «Emilian Model». Is there still a future for industrial districts?* involves a Call for Papers – as already announced at the inaugural event in March 2009 (www.cattedramonnet-mosconi.eu) –, which will accompany in-depth seminars and will conclude with a final stocktaking. All interested scholars, and particularly young ones, are invited to present and discuss their theoretical and empirical research.

In particular, the Call invites articles on the following thematic areas, taking the economy of the Emilia-Romagna region as a point of reference, i.e. a regional economy which has preserved a strong manufacturing base and with a significant «degree of openness» towards foreign countries:

- The position of the Emilia-Romagna economy in the new international division of labour and a comparison with the major manufacturing regions of Italy and the rest of the EU;
- The impact of the Euro on the restructuring of industries and businesses;
- Districts, clusters, local labour systems;
- The performance of industrial SMEs (Mediobanca-Unioncamere definition);
- Employment/unemployment, distribution of income and the Welfare State;
- The reform of the professional training system and technical secondary school education;
- The «networks» of regional universities (Alma Mater Studiorum-Bologna; Ferrara; Modena-Reggio Emilia; Parma; the two Piacenza centres: Cattolica and Milan Polytechnic): state-of-the-art and potential joint projects;
- The new industrial policy: R&D, innovation and technological transfer;
- What to expect after the «great crash»?.

This is not intended as an exhaustive list; it is perfectly feasible to propose scientific contributions in other related fields of economic research.

Manuscripts

This Call for Papers consists of three stages: (i) summaries (of between 500 and 1000 words), with key words and JEL classification, must be submitted to the University of Parma by 16 April 2010; (ii) complete articles must be submitted by 9 July 2010; (iii) candidates will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision by 24 September 2010. Both the summary and the complete article (in Word and PDF format) must be sent via email to the following address: cattedra.jeanmonnet@unipr.it. The selection will be conducted in accordance with the standards of the main academic journals of Economics and Industrial Policy. The Scientific Committee will choose the papers which will be included in a volume published by a leading house.

Presentation of the papers

The selected papers will either be presented at thematic in-depth seminars or at the final Conference of the Research Project scheduled to take place in Parma during the spring of 2011. The volume publication is planned for the autumn 2011.

The Selection Committee

The whole process will be supervised by a Committee composed of: GIANNI LORENZONI (Alma Graduate School, Bologna), ROMANO PRODI (Brown University), ANDRÉ SAPIR (Université Libre de Bruxelles and Bruegel) and FRANCO MOSCONI (Parma University and Head of the Research Project).