### **Background and Theme**

It is well known that the transition from planned to market economy in Central- and Eastern European countries has undergone a far-reaching structural change which is driven by technological change, globalization, new societal demands, and a paradigm shift in economic policy. Though structural change induced by the European integration is already a traditional topic in the economics of transition and a vast literature exists, it seems promising to consider this problem for several reasons. From a methodological point of view there are still many challenges. The lack of a comprehensive theory in transition economies, their structural change and sector models or the proper extraction of policy impacts in econometric analyses are only a few of the unsolved problems. However, the development of sophisticated tools for analyzing structural change is not an end in itself, but contributes to the discussion of current problems and future challenges in the economics of transition.

### **Keynote Speakers**

**Dr**. <u>László Csaba</u>, Central European University (CEU), member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

**Dr. Imre Fertő**, Institute of Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

**Dr. Gábor Hunya**, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies, Austria

**Dr. Mária Vincze**, Babeş-Bolyai University (UBB), Cluj-Napoca, Romania

### **Topics**

The conference will be based on presentations in plenary sessions by invited speakers and parallel workgroups.

Without prejudging the organization of the sessions, expected topics to be covered by the papers include the following items:

- o Agricultural Economics and Rural Development
- o Economics of European Integration
- Ethics of Economics
- o Finance and Monetary Union
- o International and Local Tourism
- o International Trade and Competitiveness
- o Knowledge of Science
- o Management and Business Environment
- o E-business and Marketing
- o Quantitative Methods
- o Social and Political Issues of EU Integration

### **Objectives**

The conference intends to discuss and to analyze the state-of-the-art in research methods for economic analysis, as well as political and social aspects of the European integration. It offers a platform to exchange ideas and to generate an integrated view of first experiences and future challenges of the integration process. As current topics of the integration policy will be addressed, the conference is not only relevant for a scientific community but also for decision makers in politics, social security and administration.

### **Call for Papers**

The organizers invite an international scientific audience in the fields of Economics, Economic Policy, Management, European Studies, and any other field referring to the subject.

In order to organize the conference in the best possible manner, participants who intend to contribute with a paper are requested to e-mail an abstract of maximum 500 words in English by October 10, 2009, to econ@partium.ro/.

The abstract should indicate: 1) the question addressed, 2) the concepts and theories to which one refers, 3) the methodology used, and 4) the results obtained.

Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by October 15, 2009. The deadline for the final submission of accepted papers is October 30, 2009. All accepted papers will be published on a CD-ROM. Plenary presentation papers and a selection of contributed papers will be published in a First Issue of the Emerging Economies following an external review.

#### Location

The conference will take place at the Partium Christian University in Oradea, one of the most dynamic and cosmopolitan cities of Romania. It is a place of dense history, a city of business, culture, and tourism.

The University is located in the centre of Oradea. It can be reached within 10 minutes from the Railway Station by tram or taxi. Accommodations are available in nearby hotels.

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### **Registration and Participation Fee**

Though registration will be possible even at the conference site, participants are kindly asked to pre-register by e-mail, until October 15, 2009.

The registration fee is 100 Euro. This includes lunches on both conference days, welcome reception on the first day, dinner on the second day, coffee during the breaks and a CD-ROM of the conference contributions. Accommodation is not included

#### **Important Deadlines**

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For the detailed program please visit our website regularly.

The official language of the conference will be English.

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