



Press Kit

24th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association 64th European Meeting of the Econometric Society

Barcelona, 23-27 August 09

FACT SHEET

In 1990, Barcelona hosted the World Congress of the Econometric Society. This was a crucial watershed that allowed our scientific community to grow around a cluster of four groups that constituted in 2006 the Barcelona GSE, which is hosting the EEA-ESEM'09.

EEA-ESEM'09 Figures

- 1800 registered participants: economists, academics from universities and research centers and central banks. PhD Students: 454.
- Past congresses: Milano welcomed 1600 attending participants
- Presentations: Accepted 1443; submitted 3.300.

Barcelona GSE Fact Sheet

Students: http://www.barcelonagse.eu/Class_Profile.html

2008-09: 126 students, 80% international student body, 30 nationalities represented.

Faculty:

145 affiliated professors (2009-10)

- 38% international
- 100% hold PhDs
- 80% hold PhDs from outside Spain

68 Guest Professors

- Academics from other universities
- Practitioners in economics and related fields

Academic Offer 2009-10

Masters:

Master in Competition and Market Regulation

Master in the Economics of Science and Innovation

Master in International Trade, Finance, and Development

Master in Macroeconomic Policy and Financial Markets

Master in Economics

Master in Finance

Summer schools:

Barcelona Banking Summer School

Barcelona Microeconometrics Summer School

Zvi Griliches Research Summer School

Executive Education: Global Health Leadership Forum

Chairman: Prof. Andreu Mas-Colell

Director-General: Dr. Eduard Vallory

Dean: Prof. Massimo Motta

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Also see: http://www.barcelonagse.eu/International_Contact.html

About the Barcelona GSE

The Barcelona Graduate School of Economics is an institution for scientific cooperation for research and graduate education in economics and the social sciences. It was founded in July 2006 by four academic institutions (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, CSIC and CREI) whose reputations, faculty, and resources underpin the School and its activities. The Barcelona GSE is a public-private partnership, and on its Board there are also five private institutions: The Agbar Group, Banc Sabadell, Caixa de Catalunya savings bank, "la Caixa" savings bank, and the FemCAT Foundation, as well as by the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Catalan Government. It also receives significant funding from the "Consolider-Ingenio 2010" initiative of the Spanish Government, launched to promote research excellence. Among the 145 Affiliated Professors of the Barcelona GSE there are Fellows of the Econometric Society, Fellows of the European Economic Association, Research Fellows of the Center for Economic Policy and Research (CEPR), and Research Fellows of the CESifo. They publish in the leading journals of Economics and many of the top journals of the different subfields of the discipline. They also serve as coeditors and associate editors of these journals.

The volume of research by the Barcelona GSE academic community is ranked between 2nd and 3rd in European economic research according to the Drèze-Estevan rankings (*Journal of the European Economic Association*, May 2007).

The Barcelona Graduate School of Economics offers international masters in₂

Economics and Finance, taught in English and awarded jointly by the UPF and the UAB. Currently, the Barcelona GSE offers six Master Programs. The **Master in Economics** and the **Master in Finance** have been offered by the Universitat Pompeu Fabra for the past 14 years and have a proven record of excellence as entry points to both the labor market and to top institutions of PhD education. The **Master in Competition and Market Regulation** and the **Master in the Economics of Science and Innovation** welcomed their first classes in September 2007. The **Master in International Trade, Finance, and Development** and the **Master in Macroeconomic Policy and Financial Markets** admitted their first students in September 2008.

In addition to the six master programs, the Barcelona GSE offers:

- Three intensive summer school programs: Barcelona Banking Summer School (BBSS), Barcelona Microeconometrics Summer School (BMiSS), and the Zvi Griliches Research Summer School (focus on science and innovation) http://www.barcelonagse.eu/Summer_School.html
- Executive Education: Global Health Leadership Forum in conjunction with CRES and Berkeley School of Public Health (http://www.barcelonagse.eu/Global_Health_Leadership_Forum_2009.html)

The Barcelona GSE also maintains a close relationship with its two reference doctoral programs: The GPEFM at the UPF and IDEA at the UAB. In a short period of time (they are both 15 years old) they have managed to position themselves as the 9th and 14th in Europe, respectively (*The Review of Economics and Statistics*, February 2008). Some students at the Barcelona GSE decide to pursue their studies at the PhD level in one of these reference doctoral programs.

(http://www.barcelonagse.eu/Reference_Doctoral_Programs.html)

About the European Economic Association (EEA):

The European Economic Association (EEA) is an international scientific body founded in 1984, with membership open to all persons involved or interested in economics.

The aims of the European Economic Association are:

- to contribute to the development and application of economics as a science in Europe; to improve communication and exchange between teachers, researchers and students in economics in the different European countries.
- to develop and sponsor co-operation between teaching institutions of university level and research institutions in Europe." (article 2 of statutes).

In pursuing these aims, the EEA is particularly eager to foster closer links between theory-oriented and policy-oriented economists, as well as between students and

more senior economists, from all parts of Europe. The EEA co-operates, on a complementary and non-competing basis, with the existing national and international economic associations. The EEA holds annual congresses. The Journal of the European Economic Association (JEEA) is the official Journal of the EEA.

The EEA Annual Congress, which takes place at the end of August - early September, is a main event among the Association's activities. Annual congresses feature traditionally two plenary lectures in addition to the Presidential Address and consist of a number of invited paper sessions and panel debates as well as contributed papers sessions. In recent years, some sessions have been jointly organised with other European Associations in Economics.

The First Annual Congress was held in Vienna in 1986. Since then the EEA had congresses in many major cities in Europe.

Next Congress: Glasgow, August'10

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About the Econometric Society

The **Econometric Society** was founded in 1930. It is the most prestigious learned society in the field of economics, with a world-wide membership. Its main object is to promote studies that aim at a unification of the theoretical-quantitative and empirical-quantitative approach to economic problems and that are penetrated by constructive and rigorous thinking similar to that which has come to dominate in the natural sciences. It operates as a purely scientific organization, without any political, social, financial or nationalistic allegiance or bias.

The four main activities of the Society are the publication of a journal, **Econometrica**; the publication of a **monograph series** in collaboration with the Cambridge University Press; the organization of scientific meetings in six regions of the world (including a World Congress every five years); and the conduct of elections for Fellow of the Econometric Society, an honorary designation highly valued by members of the economics profession. More details on each of these activities are provided below in separate numbered sections of this document.

The governing body of the Society is **the Council**, of which a subcommittee called the Executive Committee meets annually and makes decisions on all aspects of the Society's operations and governance. Fellows elect Officers, members of the Council, and new Fellows.

The Society is a self-supporting nonprofit organization and operates on behalf of its members. The Society does not receive grants or aid from any outside organization, although some regions of the Society do raise outside funds for support of their regional meetings. The Society uses its financial surplus to finance travel grants to⁴

its quinquennial World Congress and to finance extra activities on behalf of members, such as a **Members' Directory**.

Next Congresses: European Winter Meeting, Budapest, November 12-13, 2009

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