



First European Research Conference on Microfinance

2-4 June 2009

Brussels, Belgium

CALL FOR PAPERS

Overview

Microfinance sector is developing at a rapid pace creating a growing demand for experienced professionals but also precise research within microfinance and credit institutions, banks and development investment funds in Europe and abroad.

The **European Microfinance Platform**, in partnership with the **Centre for European Research in Microfinance (CERMi)** is proud to organize the First European Research Conference on Microfinance, with the purpose to gather leading academic researchers and to develop suitable frameworks in a constantly changing landscape.

European Microfinance Platform
21-25 Allée Scheffer
L-2520 Luxembourg
www.microfinance-platform.eu

CERMi
50 av. F.D. Roosevelt, CP 145-01
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Conference Format

The conference will be held over three days and consist of plenary sessions and panels based on submitted papers. Keynote speakers will be outstanding scholars in various fields of microfinance, invited as special guests. At present, three Keynote Speakers already confirmed their presence: Professors **David Hulme** (University of Manchester), **Jonathan Morduch** (New York University), **Jean-Michel Servet**, (Institut Universitaire d'Etudes du Développement de Genève).

Submission of Papers

Competitive papers, with a maximum length of 35 pages, are being solicited for the conference in areas relevant to microfinance, including but not limited to the following topics:

- Social Impact
- Gender & Women Empowerment
- Governance and Efficiency of MFIs
- Rural Microfinance
- Link between financial and microfinance institutions
- Public Policies
- Innovation of Microfinance products

All contributions must be original, should not have been published elsewhere and should not be intended to be published elsewhere during the review period.

[Details about papers submission will be published early November on CERMi website: www.cermi.eu](#)

Scientific Committee

The Scientific Commission in charge of the evaluation of the submitted papers will be composed as follows:

Beatriz Armendáriz	Harvard University (USA) and University College London (UK)
Johan Bastiaensen	University of Antwerp (Belgium)
James Copestake	University of Bath (UK)
Isabelle Guérin	Université de Provence (France)

Marek Hudon	CERMi and Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management - ULB (Belgium)
Marc Labie	CERMi and Faculté Warocqué – UMH (Belgium)
Robert Lensik	University of Groningen (the Netherlands)
Roy Mersland	University of Adger (Norway)
Jonathan Murdoch	New York University (USA)
Jean-Michel Servet	I.U.E.D. Genève (Switzerland)
Ariane Szafarz	CERMi and Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management - ULB (Belgium)

Organization Committee: the conference will be chaired by Professor Marek Hudon

Important Dates

Call for papers	25 th September 2008
Call for papers closes	15 th December 2008
Acceptance Deadline	15 th , January 2009
Conference Dates	2-4 June 2009

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