Call for Papers – 2nd SUERF/UniCredit & Universities Foundation Research Prize

Reregulation of the financial sector – economic consequences, costs and benefits

Deadline for Submissions 30 September 2014

Motivation:

The economic, financial and sovereign debt crisis has triggered a wave of new regulation for banks and the financial sector at large. The aim is to avoid, or at least to reduce the probability, of future financial crises. First, to start with, through tighter and more comprehensive regulation as well as supervision, financial firms and markets are hoped to become more resilient; second, enhanced toolkits and sharply increased resources should put supervisors in a position to detect risks in the financial sector on time and to take appropriate countervailing action; third, new procedures for restructuring of financial firms and for bailing in owners and creditors aim to reduce ex post the cost for tax payers in the event of failure and to correct ex ante moral hazard and distortionary incentives arising from too-big-to-fail etc.

This new framework for regulation and supervision has been accompanied by a comprehensive body of new theoretical, empirical and policy-oriented research, much of which is still unfolding and developing further. Practical experience with the new regulatory and supervisory regime is only starting. Some advance quantitative estimations of the consequences of various types of new regulation showed sharply divergent effects.

This call for papers invites original research – theoretical or empirical, academic or policy-oriented – on the economic consequences and the costs and benefits of the reregulation of banks and the financial sector at large. Some examples for fields of research are:

- Macroeconomic impact on credit supply, economic growth
- Effects for monetary policy transmission and operation
- Effects on the future role and functioning of central banks
- Effects on the future business model of banks and other financial intermediaries, as well as for various financial market segments
- Effects on the size of the financial sector, on profits and salaries to be expected in the future
- Effects on the cost of financing and of financial services for the real sector
- Effects on the products offered (or no longer offered) by the financial sector in the future
- Likely effectiveness with a view to avoiding future financial crises
- Estimates on the size of the costs caused by the crisis, and thus on the costs hopefully to be avoided in the future
- Possible or already observed circumvention of the new regulation, possible further resulting rounds of regulation
- Possible regulatory arbitrage between countries and types of financial firms and markets (e.g. shadow banking)

This list is non-exclusive, other contributions fitting into the overall topic of the call for papers are highly welcome.

Information about the Prize:

The SUERF/UniCredit & Universities Foundation Research Prize is open to authors and co-authors who are citizens or residents/students in the EEA, Switzerland, and other countries in which UniCredit is present (in addition to EEA countries, the latter also include Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Russia, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine) and born after 30 September 1979. Prizes of EUR 5,000 gross will be awarded to up to two outstanding papers on topics related to “Reregulation of the financial sector – economic consequences, costs and benefits”. The winning papers will be presented at a short SUERF/UniCredit & Universities Foundation Workshop to be held at Vienna University of Economics and Business on the morning of Thursday, 11 December, 2014. Subject to agreement by the authors, SUERF and the UniCredit & Universities Foundation the papers may be published on the organisers’ respective websites.
Information about Submissions:

Applications should be submitted through the online submission form on the UniCredit & Universities Foundation website at www.unicreditanduniversities.eu in PDF format by 30 September 2014, in English. Applications should be accompanied by brief curriculum vitae including the candidate’s date of birth and a copy of current identity documents that confirm the author’s/authors’ date of birth(s) and eligibility. The prize is open to papers that have been finalised within the last 12 months prior to the deadline for submissions. Full terms and conditions of entry can be downloaded from the SUERF and UniCredit & Universities Foundation websites.