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Fifth ELSNIT Annual Conference on Integration and Trade

Barcelona, Spain, October 26-27, 2007

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Euro-Latin Study Network on Integration and Trade (ELSNIT) is now accepting proposals for papers that address macroeconomic, empirical and institutional dimensions of trade and integration, specifically those focusing on trade, investment and regional integration issues with policy relevance for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Possible thematic areas considered in this call on the issue of *Regional Integration* are: the fiscal and monetary policy mix in an integrated area, regional integration and policy divergence/convergence, regional macroeconomic coordination and monetary integration, regional integration effects on income distribution and labor markets, regional versus global integration strategies in goods and service sectors, asymmetries in integration (large/small, more/less developed economies), customs union formation, role of common institutions and of legal rules and procedures, the relation between integration and institutions etc.

Possible thematic areas considered in this call on the issue of *Trade* are: exchange rates and trade, fiscal implications of trade opening, WTO disciplines and policy space for developing countries, WTO negotiations, bilateralism and regionalism, effectiveness of trade preferences, FDI, capital account opening and trade, trade and productivity, trade opening and income distribution, institutional dimensions of trade policy making and implementation, etc. (the suggested areas are indicative only).

Papers should intend to offer meaningful contributions to discussions in policy circles about the rationale of integration and trade in a national, regional and global perspective.

The selected papers will be presented at the Fifth Annual ELSNIT Conference to be held at the Center for Research in International Economics (CREI) in Barcelona, Spain in October 26-27, 2007.

The Conference will be organized in three parallel sessions, and coordinated by Steering Committee members, as follows:

Session I: Macroeconomic Dimensions of Integration and Trade
Coordinated by Jaume Ventura, CREI and Omar Licandro, EUI

Session II: Economic Policy Dimensions of Integration and Trade

Coordinated by Rolf J. Langhammer, IfW, Rainer Schweickert, IfW, Michel Fouquin, CEPIL, and Soledad Zignago, CEPIL

Session III: Institutional Dimensions of Integration and Trade

Coordinated by Jacques Ziller, EUI-Law Department; Jacint Jordana, IBEI-UPF

A recognized expert in the field will comment upon each paper. All the papers and discussions will be circulated as working documents of the Network. The authors are, however, free to submit the papers elsewhere, stating that there were first presented at the V ELSNIT Conference.

Procedures for the submission of proposals

All researchers who are associated with a European or Latin American/Caribbean based academic or research institution are eligible to submit proposals within this call for papers.

The deadline for paper submission (detailed abstracts will also be considered) is **April 14th**. The final selection of papers will be made by **May 29th**. The final versions of the papers must be delivered by **September 30th**.

Submissions of papers (or detailed abstracts) should be accompanied by a statement declaring your institutional affiliation, and your interest to present the paper in the conference indicating the nature of the paper and the session (or sessions, if the topic of the paper makes this appropriate) you would like your paper to be considered. The papers should be written in English.

Submissions should be sent to the following addresses (electronic submissions in PDF format are welcome): elsnit@iadb.org with a cc to the appropriate session coordinators as follows:

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The selected authors' and invited discussants' travel expenditures (economy class) and per diems to participate at the Conference will be reimbursed by the IDB. Detailed guidelines explaining the logistics of the conference will be provided at a later stage.

Please circulate this call for papers among your colleagues and other potentially interested parties.

February 19, 2007

Background Information

In October 2002 the Inter-American Development Bank's (IDB) Office in Europe (SOE) and Integration and Regional Programs Department (INT) (through the Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean (INTAL) in Buenos Aires and the Integration, Trade and Hemispheric Issues Division (ITD)) launched the *Euro-Latin Study Network on Integration and Trade (ELSNIT)*. This initiative creates in Europe a forum on integration and trade issues relevant to Latin America and the Caribbean. The main objectives of the Network are to generate research, studies and debate on these issues, draw on a rich European experience and perspectives and increase interaction between European and Latin American researchers.

The ELSNIT Network is coordinated by a Steering Committee that currently comprises the Center for Research in International Economics (CREI), Barcelona, Spain; the Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales (CEPII), Paris, France; the Institute for World Economics (IfW), Kiel, Germany; the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies of the European University Institute (RSC-EUI), Florence, Italy, and the IDB (represented by SOE and INT).

The Fourth Annual Conference of ELSNIT took place in Paris, France on October 20-21, 2006. The event was hosted by the Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales (CEPII) in coordination with the American University of Paris. The papers presented at this conference – as well as those from previous conferences- are available at www.iadb.org/europe and at www.iadb.org/intal.

The Fifth Annual Conference of ELSNIT will take place in Barcelona, Spain on October 26-27, 2007. It will be hosted by the Center for Research in International Economics (CREI), in coordination with the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), under the sponsorship of and in co-organization with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).