

**CONFERENCE ON THE FINANCIAL CRISIS**  
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Call for Papers - Deadline 1 February 2009

CREI will host a conference on Thursday, May 7th and Friday, May 8th 2009 at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona. The conference will bring together current research on the origin and impact of financial crises. The conference is organized jointly with The Journal of Financial Intermediation and the Centre for Economic Policy Research.

A special issue of the /Journal of Financial Intermediation (JFI) will be devoted to the conference. Papers that are selected for presentation will be candidates for a special issue of the JFI, although authors do not necessarily have to commit their papers to the journal. A paper's acceptance at the conference does not guarantee publication in the JFI: all papers must pass the journal's regular refereeing process.

Up to twelve papers will be selected. Suitable topics may include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Bank capital accumulation and banking crises
- 2) Banking regulation and crises
- 3) Gate keepers, regulation and financial stability
- 4) Complex securities, securitization, risk and liquidity
- 5) Competition in financial markets, financial spreads and financial crises
- 6) News, media, and propagation of financial crises
- 7) Financial crises and growth. Is there a cleansing effect?

Limited financial support for economy class air travel and lodging expenses will be available for university-based authors, discussants and chairpersons. Barring exceptional circumstances, central bankers will be asked to cover their own expenses.

The programme committee comprises: Fernando Broner (CREI, Universitat Pompeu Fabra and CEPR), Hans Degryse (Tilburg University), Mathias Dewatripoint (ULB and CEPR), Xavier Freixas (Universitat Pompeu Fabra and CEPR), Philipp Hartmann (European Central Bank and CEPR), Moshe Kim (University of Haifa), and Elu von Thadden (Universitat Mannheim and CEPR).

We invite individuals wishing to submit papers for consideration to send their paper to Nadine Clark ([nclarke@cepr.org](mailto:nclarke@cepr.org)) by February 1st 2009.

Along with your submission, please indicate whether you would like the paper to be considered for publication in the JFI.