CALL FOR PAPERS

RCEA (the Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis) (RCEA) invite papers to be considered for the RCEA 8th Biennial Conference: Future of Growth. The biennial conference is our major meeting which has alternated between Italy and Canada since 2006.

Since the Great Recession, growth in developed countries has been significantly slower. Larry Summers resurrected the term “secular stagnation”: a permanent slowdown in economic growth. The causes include persistent insufficient demand, slowdown of inventive activity due to new inventions being more difficult to develop (Bloom at al, 2019), the nature of new technologies (Gordon, 2016) and slower population growth (Jones, 2019). In recent years growth has been slowing down everywhere, even in many developing countries, which in the past developed rapidly thanks to improved governance (Acemoglu and Robinson, 2010). The population transition, with countries becoming old before they become rich, and environmental issues, are other threats to long-term growth. Automation, robotics and artificial intelligence create new possibilities, but raise questions about the future of labour.

The conference will focus on future growth challenges and opportunities, including innovation, entrepreneurship, technology, finance, environment, demographics and the role public policy will play. We welcome theoretical, empirical and policy-oriented papers in all areas of economics and finance that relate to the overarching theme of the conference.
Keynote speakers

**Janice Eberly**, who will deliver the Rimini Lecture, is the James R. and Helen D. Russell Professor of Finance Kellogg School of Business, Northwestern University. She served as the Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy at the U.S. Treasury from 2011 to 2013 and was the Chief Economist at the Treasury. Professor Eberly's research focuses on finance and macroeconomics. Her work studies firms’ capital budgeting decisions and household consumption and portfolio choice. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Editor of the Brookings Papers on Economic Activity.

**James A. Robinson**, who will deliver the inaugural Waterloo Lecture, is the Reverend Dr. Richard L. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict Studies and University Professor, University of Chicago. He is a world renowned specialist in governance, growth and development. He is the co-author (with Daron Acemoglu) of the highly praised books *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy* (translated into 32 languages) and *Why Nations Fail*. His work explores the underlying relationship between poverty and the institutions of a society and how institutions emerge out of political conflicts.

**John van Reenen**, who will deliver the inaugural Warsaw Lecture, is the Gordon Y. Billiard Professor of Management and Economics at the Department of Economics and Sloan School of Management, MIT and Ronald Coase School Professor at the London School of Economics. In 2016 he was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire for services to Economics and Public Policy Making, and in 2009 was awarded the Yrjö Jahnsson Award, a biennial award for the best European economist under the age of 45. John Van Reenen has published widely on the economics of innovation, labour markets and productivity.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

RCEA is a private, international non-profit organization dedicated to independent research in applied and theoretical economics and related fields. Originally established in Rimini, Italy, since 2016 it has been headquartered at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, with branches in Italy and Poland. The Future of Growth conference is our major, biennial conference.

RCEA has organized numerous conferences and workshops. Past invited speakers include Nobel Prize laureates Robert Mundell and Michael Spence as well as, among others, Philippe Aghion, Costas Azariadis, Larry Ball, Steven Cecchetti, Mick Devereux, Gilles Duranton, Gauti Eggertsson, Emmanuel Farhi, John Haltiwanger, Elhanan Helpman, David Hendry, Peter Howitt, Charles Jones, Josh Lerner, Hashem Pesaran, Florencio López de Silanes, Enrique Mendoza, Peter C. B. Phillips, James Robinson, Steven Ross, Stephanie Schmidt-Grohe and Arnold Zellner.

Information about current and past RCEA activities can be found at [www.RCEA.org](http://www.RCEA.org)

SUBMISSIONS

Authors should submit an extended abstract of up to 300 words. Please include JEL classification codes for the paper as well as keywords. Complete papers may be submitted but the extended abstract is required. In case of more than one author, the name of presenter should be underlined.

The RCEA 8th Biennial Conference: Future of Growth will run in parallel to the 14th RCEA Annual Bayesian Workshop and the 7th RCEA Time Series Econometrics Workshop, all held at the Balsillie School. Papers in all areas of econometrics should be submitted to one of these workshops. Participants in the Future of Growth conference will have access to all sessions of the Bayesian and Time Series Workshops, and vice versa.

Proposals for sessions consisting of three or four papers are particularly welcome. If you are interested in submitting a session, please send the session topic, author names, titles and abstracts to the conference e-mail at RCEAGrowth@rcea.org

Notification of acceptance: Authors will be notified by March 5, 2020.

BEST PAPER AWARD

The Lazaridis Institute for the Management of Technology Enterprises will sponsor two Awards to recognize excellence in research in the area of entrepreneurship or innovation;

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REGISTRATION

Registration will start on **March 20, 2020** on the conference website [www.RCEA.org](http://www.RCEA.org)

The registration fees for presenters are: (CAD=Canadian dollar)

- Regular registration: CAD 330
- Students: CAD 105
- RCEA Senior Fellows and Fellows: CAD 220
- Late Fee: CAD 430

A late fee will be applied to all registrations received after **April 20, 2020**.

The fees cover all meals at the conference site, including (except for students) a reception on the evening of May 28 and dinners on May 29 and May 30.

The registration fee for other participants is $100. In addition, the cost of the reception is $60 and the dinner is $80 (all CAD).

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

*Review of Economic Analysis (REA)*, an open access journal published by RCEA, is planning to publish a special issue from the conference. The papers submitted to the special issue will go through the usual refereeing process. REA charges no submission or publication fees.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission deadline: **February 19, 2020**
- Notification of acceptance: **by March 5, 2020**
- Opening of early registration: **March 20, 2020**
- Late registration starts: **April 20, 2020**
- Event dates: **May 29-31, 2020**

For additional information about paper submission, accommodation and registration please contact RCEAGrowth@rcea.org.

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