

Theme, background and objectives

The purpose of the seminar is to provide a platform for presenting newly developed and/or applied modelling approaches and tools for impact assessment of agricultural and rural development policies. Taking into account the complexity of agricultural and rural development policies, models can provide an essential contribution to the understanding and analysis of policy implications.

The seminar is a logical follow-up to the successful 65th EAAE seminar held in Bonn in 2000 and 89th seminar held in Parma in 2005, which represented important reference points for European research in the field of quantitative agricultural and rural development policy analysis.

The seminar will welcome review, theoretical and empirical contributions regarding models and modelling approaches to assess policies for agriculture and rural development. The seminar will welcome papers focusing on the role of models in assessing changes in transition economies. Papers analysing new methodologies, new computer systems to support quantitative policy analyses are also relevant.

Topics

In view of the relevance of quantitative modelling for agricultural and rural development policy analysis, the seminar intends to discuss the capability of different approaches to analyse the policy effects in order to provide useful information to the scientific community and policy makers.

Hence, there is a wide range of interesting topics to be covered. Some indicative topic themes are highlighted below:

- Regional and national models for agricultural and rural development policy evaluation;
- Models and methods for evaluating policy effectiveness and efficiency in the agricultural sector and rural development;
- Models analyzing the linkages between agricultural activities and the environment;
- Modelling the impact of increased biofuels production on agricultural markets;
- Farm level models;
- Household level models;
- Integrated use of models (household models, partial equilibrium models, CGE models, environmental models);
- Use of computer systems for modelling (databases and scenario analysis);
- New challenges for the empirical assessment of agricultural and rural policies;
- Discussion of the results of models applied to specific agricultural and rural policy problems in different regions (inside and outside Europe).

The seminar will conclude with a round-table discussion involving modellers and policy makers.

Call for papers

There will be three categories of papers:

- Keynote, invited papers, maximum 20 pages/15,000 words, for plenary presentation;
- Contributed papers, maximum 15 pages/7,500 words for plenary and parallel sessions;
- Poster papers, maximum 10 pages/5,000 words, for the poster session.

A “computer session” is also planned, during which participants will be invited to present operationally the models and technologies used.

Participants who would like to present a paper are requested to **submit an extended abstract (500 words) before 15th, August 2007**, together with pre-registration. Notification of acceptance will be communicated by September 30th, 2007. The full version of the accepted papers must be submitted by December 31st, 2007.

The abstract should include the topic addressed, the applied theory and methodology, and the results obtained. The language for presentations and papers is English.

Properly revised papers presented at the seminar will be published in a volume after the seminar.

Organisation

The seminar is organised by the University of Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla in cooperation with Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, AGRILIFE Unit, DG-JRC, European Commission.

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Registration

Participants are asked to pre-register before August 15th 2007. The deadline for final registration is December 31st, 2007.

Please note that a maximum of 120 registrations will be accepted, on a first come, first served basis.

Participation fee

The participation fees paid prior to **November 15th, 2007** is 250 Euros for EAAE members and 250 Euros + membership fee (40 Euros) for non-members. Fees paid after to November 15th, 2007 for EAAE members 300 EUR, for non-members 340 EUR. Reduced fees will be applied to participants from developing and non EU transition countries.

The fees include registration, seminar CD proceedings, abstract booklet, lunches, a dinner and refreshments during the seminar.

A list of suitable hotels, as well as information concerning transportation, will be provided on the Seminar website.

Important dates

Abstract submission: **15th August, 2007**
Notification of acceptance: 30th September, 2007
Full paper submission: **31st December, 2007**
Final registration: **31st December, 2007**

Seminar website

<http://www.eaeseminar.es>

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