

Conference call for papers
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas – Swiss National Bank

“The effect of globalization on market structure, industry evolution and pricing”

Dallas, Friday & Saturday, May 31-June 1, 2013

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas’ Globalization & Monetary Policy Institute and the Swiss National Bank are inviting paper submissions for a conference on “The effect of globalization on market structure, industry evolution and pricing” to be held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas on Friday and Saturday, May 31 and June 1, 2013. This conference – which is also being organized in collaboration with the Centers for International Price Research at Vanderbilt University – is the latest in a series that originated with a conference on “Microeconomic sources of real exchange rate behavior” held at Carnegie Mellon University in 2005, a subsequent conference of the same name held at Vanderbilt University in 2010 and a joint FRB Dallas / SNB conference on “Microeconomic aspects of the globalization of inflation” held in Zurich in 2011.

The ongoing process of globalization has heightened research and policy interest in the importance of external factors as drivers of the domestic inflationary process. Modern models of the inflationary process put the pricing decisions of firms at the core of the analysis. For firms that sell in more than one national market, these pricing decisions have an added degree of complexity as firms choose the currency in which to set their prices. At the same time, globalization has fundamentally altered the pricing power of many firms as markets become more competitive.

We are particularly interested in papers that address the following topics:

- * - the economics of international pricing
- * - the transmission of price changes across national borders
- * - product pricing and product replacement in an international setting
- * - the impact of globalization on market structure
- * - appropriate policy lessons from the above

The organizers invite submissions in these and related areas.

Organizing committee: Raphael Auer (Swiss National Bank), Mario Crucini (Vanderbilt University) Andreas Fischer (Swiss National Bank), Roberto Rigobon (MIT Sloan), Michael Sposi (Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas) and Mark Wynne (Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas).

Please send submissions in pdf format to intlconf2013@dal.frb.org

Deadline for paper submission: February 28th, 2013 (authors of accepted papers will be informed by March 31st). Preference will be given to submissions of finished papers, but extended abstracts will also be considered. The conference will fund economy-class travel and local accommodation for speakers and discussants.