

Call for Papers

“The Political Economy of Economic Development”

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Keynote speakers: Timothy Besley (LSE) and James Robinson (Harvard University)

Location and date: Sant Benet Monastery (Manresa), April 30th - May 1st, 2010

Submission deadline: January 17th, 2010

The conference is organized by CREI (Centre de Recerca en Economia Internacional) and sponsored by Caixa Manresa and CREI. It will take place at Sant Benet Monastery located about 50 minutes from downtown Barcelona: <http://www.monstbenet.com/en/>.

The purpose of this conference is to collect contributions on the relationship between economic development and national and international politics. There is a growing consensus that decisions taken by political elites have profound repercussions on a country's path of economic development, and that these decisions are rarely those that would be taken by a "median voter." The conference aims at a better understanding of the behavior of political elites and how this behavior interacts with economic development.

Specific topics of interest include:

- 1) Economic development and the creation, composition, and change of political elites;
- 2) Strategic interactions between political elites and civil society;
- 3) Politicians and firms;
- 4) Exploitative v. developmental political elites;
- 5) Natural resources and politics in developing countries;
- 6) Civil war and international war, and their link with economic development;
- 7) Ethnic conflict, ethnic politics and economic development;
- 8) Beliefs, institutions, and economic development.

The conference organizers welcome both empirical and theoretical submissions on the topics above, as well as any other topic related to the interplay between economic development and politics.

If you would like to submit a paper, please send a draft (extended abstracts accepted) in pdf or word format to cdaniels@cepr.org. The deadline is January 17th, 2010. Travel and accommodation expenses will be reimbursed for presenters of the accepted papers.