CALL FOR PAPERS

Workshop on “Small Business, Development and Growth”

October 3rd and 4th, 2022

Bank-Al-Maghrib, Rabat, Morocco

Submission Deadline: June 30th, 2022

Keynote speech by Imran Rasul (UCL)

The aim of this two-day workshop is to bring together researchers working on small business, development and growth to present and discuss their ongoing research. We invite submissions of both empirical and theoretical papers with either microeconomic and macroeconomic approaches, with a focus on issues that are of importance to emerging and developing economies, such as:

- Access to external finance;
- Access to input and output markets, participation in export markets and global value chains;
- Managerial efficiency, span of control, and delegation;
- Informality;
- Innovation and technology adoption;
- Entrepreneurship and business dynamics;
- Public policies to stimulate small business growth, etc.

The conference will feature a keynote speech by Imran Rasul (University College London) and there will be a policy panel on policy options to foster SME growth. Confirmed panelists: Debora Revoltella (EIB), Harry Devonshire (Argidius Foundation), Hicham Zanati (Tamwilcom).

The workshop, hosted by Bank Al-Maghrib, will be held in Rabat, Morocco on October 3rd and 4th, 2022. The conference organizers will cover lunches, the conference dinner, travel and hotel accommodations for all participants. Transfers from Casablanca airport will be organized. Conditions for reimbursement will follow the CEPR guidelines. The workshop will be held in person except for the policy panel, which will be broadcasted live.

Complete papers or extended abstracts can be sent to smallbusinessworkshop2022@gmail.com by June 30th, 2022. Authors of accepted submissions will be notified by the end of July 2022. We plan to include 8-10 papers with discussants. Please indicate at the time of submission whether you would be willing to act as a discussant.

Scientific Committee: Vittorio Bassi (USC), Kenza Benhima (HEC-Lausanne), Romain Rancière (USC), Abdessamad Saidi (Bank-Al-Maghrib).