

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

WORKSHOP FINANCIALIZATION OF COMMODITY MARKETS AT THE FREE UNIVERSITY BOZEN, ITALY June 22-23, 2017

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The financialization of commodity markets has attracted considerable research and interest in policy circles. Besides fundamentals, such as weather shocks, declining inventory or consumption growth, financial investment and speculative activities are put forward as factors driving prices and volatility in these markets. Our workshop tries to shed light on the causes and consequences of the commodity price dynamics concentrating on the characteristics and trading behavior of financial investors as well as their impact on market outcomes.

Topics to be considered for the workshop include but are not limited to:

- Financialization in commodity markets and commodity price movements
- Trading strategies and price effects of financial speculation
- Characteristics and effects of index funds on futures price dynamics
- Importance and impact of informed hedging and risk sharing
- Characteristics of hedging and speculation in thinly traded markets
- Ghost trades and market manipulation in thinly traded markets
- Regulatory implications of financialization

We especially welcome empirical papers, but we will also consider theoretical work. One session will be devoted to presentations by PhD students. Academics and policy makers are encouraged to submit papers.

LOCATION: The workshop will take place on 22 and 23 June 2017 at the Free University of Bozen, Italy.

EXPENSES: We will charge a workshop fee of 200 Euro. We will be able to cover some travel expenses (economy class round-trip and accommodation) in substantiated exceptional cases. When submitting a paper please indicate the nature and justification of financial support required.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION: Only complete research papers (PDF versions only) should be sent by 28 February 2017 to susanne.thiemann@wiwi.uni-muenster.de

NOTIFICATION: Notifications of acceptance will be sent by 31 March 2017. Authors should confirm their participation by 30 April 2017.

WEBSITE: More detailed information on the workshop will be available soon at [http:// www.wiwi.uni-muenster.de/me/workshops/index.html](http://www.wiwi.uni-muenster.de/me/workshops/index.html)