

# Call for Papers

## *The Shadow Economy, Tax Evasion and Money Laundering*

July 28-31, 2011  
University of Muenster, Germany

### Subject

In recent years economists and other social scientists have shown an increasing interest in analyzing issues such as the shadow economy, tax evasion, money laundering, corruption, and social benefit fraud. These research efforts have contributed, among other things, to a better understanding of why such behavior patterns occur, what extend they may have, how they may be traced, how they can be handled with appropriate policy designs and what their impact on welfare may be over time. The conference aims at bringing together researchers working in these areas with a view to explore and discuss recent advances in the field and to increase awareness with respect to the subject in general. Researchers working in these areas are therefore invited to submit papers.

### Submission

Submissions of abstracts (300 to 500 words) or full papers consistent with one of the conference topics, or their interaction, or with related issues such as corruption, social benefit fraud, and other illicit economic activities are welcome. Papers may be theoretical, empirical, experimental, agent-based, etc. Submissions can be made at any time until the deadline **March 1, 2011**, to: [shadow2011@wiwi.uni-muenster.de](mailto:shadow2011@wiwi.uni-muenster.de). Acceptance for presentation will be communicated no later than March 31, 2011.

### Keynote Speakers

Keynote speakers will give talks on specific topics of interest. They include **James Alm** (Tulane University, USA), **Erich Kirchler** (University of Vienna, Austria), **Benno Torgler** (Queensland University of Technology, Australia) and **Brigitte Unger** (University of Utrecht, The Netherlands).

### Publication

Papers presented at the conference may be submitted to the organizers in due course after the conference for possible inclusion into a special journal issue or an edited conference volume.

### Venue

The conference will take place at the University of Muenster (Münster), Germany. Münster is located in the northwest of Germany, near Dortmund and Bremen and fairly close to the Netherlands. Münster was founded in the year 805 and became well known when the Thirty Years War ended in 1648 as a result of a peace treaty signed in Münster's town hall. Today, the restored city center with its arcades, churches, narrow alleys, lively squares, pubs and street cafes is popular with tourists and locals alike.

### Travel

Münster can be reached via its international airport Münster/Osnabrück or, alternatively, via the airports of Bremen, Dortmund, Düsseldorf and Frankfurt. Münster is also well connected with the German high speed train system.

### Organizers

The conference is organized by *Michael Pickhardt* (Brandenburg University of Technology, Cottbus, Germany) and *Aloys Prinz*, (Institute of Public Economics II, Münster School of Business and Economics, University of Muenster, Germany).

### Contact

Please visit the conference homepage at <http://www.wiwi.uni-muenster.de/shadow2011/> for further information.