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Conference Announcement

Call for papers "Morals and banking"

Location : Antwerp, Belgium

Organizers : University Centre Saint-Ignatius Antwerp (UCSIA)

Integrity and trust in the banking sector, socially responsible banking, socially responsible

Major Topics : investment, religiously inspired banking, microfinance, cooperative banking and financial crises in the small and in the large.

Conference Dates : 12/1/2010 to 12/1/2010

Submission Deadline : 2010-06-01 00:00:00

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UCSIA and the University of Antwerp are pleased to announce the organisation of a two-day multidisciplinary conference on *Morals and Banking*. This international conference explores the question how modern banking practices can be reconciled with moral values. Without a doubt, banking, insurance and the financial intermediacy play a key role in any modern economy. Well-functioning capital markets are essential to investment and capital accumulation driving economic growth and prosperity. However, these complex markets are driven by mixed morals. Profit seeking and self-interest is the major incentive for lending, risk taking and innovation. The UCSIA conference welcomes researchers, students and other experts to share scholarly ideas, practices and ideas on ethical practices of modern mainstream banking and its alternatives. Such a conference may open up a new horizon for academics, students and policy makers to think about the morals and banking. Presentations can summarize empirical research outcomes, but also conceptual, methodological and policy related contributions are welcomed for submission. Contribution can be submitted about the following issues: integrity and trust in the banking sector (How to assure integrity in banking: via regulation, hard law, soft law, codes of conduct, HR policies? What about mutual funds and hedge funds: transparency, churning, speculation or investment?); Financial crises in the small and in the large; Frauds (Enron, WorldCom, Berings, Socgen, Madoff); National crises (Argentina, Russia, Romania, Greece); International crises (Asia, subprime crisis); Religious responsible banking (Is Islamic banking really different? What about the issue of the Quran prohibition of *riba*? Are the historic discussions in Catholicism (for instance with Lessius) relevant to the debates today? How does the compatibility with economic growth and aspects of equity such as home ownership relate to religious responsible banking?); Social responsible investment (SRI)(What are the underlying principles of socially responsible investment or ethical investment? What is its performance? Does it reach its goals?); What are the underlying (organizational) principles and of micro finance or cooperative banking? What are its effects on development?

