

Conference

What Kinds of Capitalism after Transition?

*The Business School at the
University of Paisley, in conjunction with CRCEES,
is organising a conference on the above theme.*

On Friday and Saturday, 29 February and
1 March 2008

Call for papers

This is part of a research project, as outlined on the accompanying page, comparing paths of political-economic development in Central and Eastern Europe, South-Eastern Europe, and countries that were once part of the Soviet Union. Contributions are invited on the thematic areas outlined on the accompanying page.

Paper Submission

Abstracts, papers, and/or session proposals should be submitted to Martin Myant as attached files (doc or pdf format) to the following e-mail address:
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Submission deadline: the deadline for submissions will be 7 January 2008. A final decision on the programme will be delivered within about two weeks after that date. We hope to be able to publish, in some form, contributions to the conference. We are also hoping to be able to provide some financial support, particularly for those coming from further afield. This will be dependent on providing a written version of the paper in advance of the conference which can be a basis for subsequent publication.

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What kinds of capitalism after transition? Divergent paths of political-economic development in Central and Eastern Europe, South-Eastern Europe, and the former Soviet Union.

This conference is a part of a project comparing varieties of capitalist development in Central and Eastern Europe, South-Eastern Europe, countries that were once part of the Soviet Union, and possibly also China.

The project aims to compare patterns of convergence and divergence in political-economic developments in these countries. A central theme will be whether there are common features across all countries or identifiable groups of countries that have undergone a transformation from state socialism. This conference focuses on the questions of how politics and the state influence business and how business influences and relates to politics and the state.

We welcome contributions around the following questions:

1. Alternative frameworks for analysing ‘transition’

Is there a theory of ‘transition’ that can encompass the similarities and differences between post-socialist countries? What contributions can be made from diverse approaches, such as neo-classical economics, the varieties of capitalism paradigm, regulation theory, Marxist interpretations and others?

2. Structures of capitalist business and its political and institutional foundations

What are the dominant patterns of ownership transformation, structures of corporate governance, and modes of inter-firm coordination? What is the transformatory role of foreign investment, if any? What are the emerging, and changing, structures of business and business elites?

3. Interest representation and its implication for emerging forms of capitalism

What are the links between the business groups and the state? What are the patterns of collective bargaining? What is the influence of trade unions and how does this relate to labour markets structures?

4. The economic role of the state

What are the emerging forms of state economic intervention and the roles of tax and spending policies in economic and social development?

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