



FIFTH CONFERENCE

On

« REGULATION, COMPETITION

AND UNIVERSAL SERVICE IN THE POSTAL SECTOR »

Toulouse, March 13-14, 2008

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SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

- (i) To discuss recent theoretical research dealing with competition regulation and universal service in the postal sector.
- (ii) To discuss applied research and recent issues in the postal sector.
- (iii) To provide a forum of discussion and dialogue between practitioners and academic researchers.

MAIN TOPICS

- Industrial economics and econometrics of the postal sector.
- Access and competition.
- Demand analysis and the market of mail.
- Service of General Economic Interest, Universal service and competition.
- Postal sector and national planning.
- Cost and pricing.
- The postal sector in developing countries.

The conference will focus on issues pertaining to the postal sector. However, intersectoral approaches and studies that draw lessons from other network industries are also welcome.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Potential contributors are invited to return, as soon as possible, the attached submission form by email at postconf@cict.fr or by fax +33(0)5.61.12.86.37. A preliminary version of the paper(s) or an extended abstract, in PDF format, should be submitted by **October 1st, 2007**. Notification of acceptance will be given by **November 15th, 2007**. Completed papers are expected to be available one month before the conference.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION

On-line registration for conference attendance will be available from November 15, 2007 to February 10, 2008.

ORGANIZATION

Scheduling: Scheduled presentation time is approximately one hour per paper (including discussion). There will also be round tables on specific topics that involve shorter presentations and provide room for more extended discussion from the floor.

Location: Institut D'Economie Industrielle, on the campus of the Université Toulouse 1 Sciences Sociales, Manufacture des Tabacs, 21 Allée de Brienne – 31000 Toulouse – France.

Date: March 13-14, 2008

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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