

CALL FOR PAPERS

Third Conference on Railroad Industry Structure, Competition, and Investment

October 21st and 22nd, 2005
Stockholm School of Economics, Stockholm, Sweden

New Submission Deadline: June 30, 2005

We invite interested scholars and others to participate in the *Third Annual Conference on Railroad Industry Structure, Competition, and Investment* at the Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden, October 21st and 22nd, 2005.

This conference, jointly organized by the **Institut D'Economie Industrielle (IDEI)** at Toulouse, the **Transportation Center at Northwestern University** in Evanston, Illinois, the **Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)** in London, and the **Stockholm School of Economics** (Marketing, Distribution and Industry Dynamics), is an international forum for professional economists, policymakers, managers, and others to present and discuss research on an established industry that is worldwide undergoing dramatic changes in the 21st century.

The conference will be partially underwritten by funding from **Banverket** (The Swedish National Rail Administration) and **Vinnova** (the Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems).

A First Conference held in Toulouse in 2003 focused on the restructuring of the European passenger rail network. The Second Conference in 2004 at Northwestern emphasized the restructuring of freight railroad services. The Third Conference's goal is to strengthen the comparative analysis of railroads and to investigate the relationship between railroads and other modes of transportation. We will compare sectors and countries, discuss methods, theory and case studies. We encourage participation of scholars and practitioners interested in railroad economics and related sectors and fields of economics, such as regulatory and industrial economics, productivity analysis, finance and labor economics.

The Third Railroad Industry Conference will address the following topics:

1. Interactions between different modes of transportation; competition between and cooperation of rail, air, road and naval transportation; national and cross-border regulation of inter-modal transportation markets.
2. Infrastructure financing and PPPs (public private partnerships); tendering of and risk-sharing in infrastructure projects; cost-benefit analysis.
3. The comparative analysis of railroads; development, transition, European integration and lessons from history.
4. Restructuring the railroad sector; complementarities between product market and labor market decision; staffing, training and compensation in transportation labor markets.
5. Railroad economics; the impact of railroads on shaping theory; new methods in the empirical and theoretical analysis of transportation.

Submissions related to other aspects of the analysis of railroads are also welcome.

Papers will be selected by a scientific committee that includes Ronald Braeutigam (Northwestern), Guido Friebel (IDEI), Robert Gallamore (Northwestern), Marc Ivaldi (IDEI), Gerard McCullough (Minnesota), John Panzar (Northwestern), Jean Tirole (IDEI), and the members of the organizing committee: Gunnar Alexandersson (Stockholm School of Economics), Susanne Hertz (Stockholm School of Economics and Jönköping International Business School), Lars Hultkrantz (Örebro University), Staffan Hultén (Stockholm School of Economics and Ecole Centrale, Paris).

Submission of Papers:

If you would like to submit a paper, simply complete the “*Speaker response form*” and return it to: Gunnar Alexandersson, Gunnar.Alexandersson@hhs.se, Stockholm School of Economics, P.O. Box 6501, SE 113 83 Stockholm, Sweden.

All proposals to present papers must include an abstract of the paper, preferably a draft of the paper, as a pdf file. Proposals must reach us by June 30, 2005.

The program and list of presenters will be confirmed and notification will be made to presenters by August 15, 2005. Submissions of full papers/presentations are then due no later than October 1, 2005. We will cover registration, accommodations and travel expenses for one speaker per presentation, according to our guidelines.

Pre-Registration for Non-presenters:

Individuals wishing to participate in the Conference but not intending to submit a paper are asked to express their interest in attending by completing and returning the “*Pre-Registration Form*”.

On-line registration for conference attendance will be available from July 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005. Pre-registrants will be asked to confirm their registration at that time. The registration fee for non-speaker participants will be 150 Euros (75 Euros for PhD students). This fee covers most meals.

Updated conference information will be available at the conference website: www.thirdrail2005.org

We hope you will be able to join us for an intellectually stimulating conference, with potentially significant academic, strategic, and policy outcomes.

Yours sincerely,

The Scientific Committee