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**The Third International Conference in Economics  
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**Abstract.** These are conference notes of the Third International Conference in Economics (EconWorld 2016-Barcelona). Information on the topics, impressions about the sessions and general remarks about the conference are included in this note. It was a successful academic event with broad international participation. The variety of the studies and the dynamic discussion periods were quite refreshing during the conference. Furthermore, the conference was a good occasion to get in touch with colleagues from other countries and to be reminded of several issues of economics in a compact way since conferences usually are limited to 2-3 days. Needless to say, it was a well-organized and satisfactory academic event.

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**Conference Notes**

The Third International Conference in Economics (EconWorld 2016) was held in Barcelona, Spain on 1-3 February 2016. EconWorld 2016 was a joint organization of World Economic Research Institute (WERI), the Socio-Economic Research Institute of Piemonte (IRES) and Faculty of Economics of Ostrava Technical University. The conference took place at Avenida Palace Hotel, which is located at the center of the beautiful Barcelona city.

On Monday, February 1, a welcome reception was held between the hours 16:00-18:00 at the hotel. Sessions didn't take place on the first day however the reception was quite appealing since it was a good chance to make acquaintance with the participants of the conference who had gathered from different countries all around the world i.e. Turkey, Italy, India, Spain, UK, China, Poland, Japan, USA and France. There was also a registration desk at the reception area. It should be mentioned that the registration desk was available for all three days of the conference; the staff was very polite, caring and prompt to resolve minor technical issues.

The presentations of papers started on the second day of the conference and it was the most intense day. From 9:00 till 18:00, 4 periods of sessions were performed. Each session consisted of four parallel sessions. In total, 16 sessions and more than 70 papers took place on Tuesday, February 2. The topics of these sessions were monetary policy and banking, economic history, behavioral

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economics, women's studies, financial markets, crisis, labor markets, Turkish economy, interest rate and stock market, tax law, firm studies, economic integration and Turkey, geography and migration, environment and economic growth, trade, innovation and technology, entrepreneurship. There were both English and Turkish sessions during the day. We observed colorful and fruitful discussions in several sessions during the second day.

The third and the last day of the conference comprised of 3 periods of sessions. Each session consisted of four parallel sessions similar to the previous day. The topics of these sessions were fiscal and monetary policy, tourism studies, tax and economy, employment and social capital, trade, service sector, sector analysis, social capital and education, financial sector and other topics in economics. The last day was not as hectic as the previous day. On the other hand, the attendance to the sessions was high and the discussion periods of the sessions were also quite contributive.

We presented our paper at the Trade Session on the third day of the conference. We received warm and valuable feedback from both the convenor of our session (Chiara Ravetti from University of Oxford, UK) and the other participants of the session (mostly from various universities of India).

There were not any invited keynote speakers or special themed panels/ debates with invited speakers in this conference as far as we knew. This fact drew our attention which was not necessarily a negative point but it would be a beneficial contribution if there were any.

Generally speaking, the variety of the papers and the dynamic discussion periods were quite refreshing during the EconWorld 2016 Barcelona Conference.



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