

## Recent Events

### VIII IREA Annual Seminar

The VII IREA Annual Seminar, was held on February 2, 2015, in the Sala de Graus Ernest Lluch at the Faculty of Business and Economics. **Prof. Ginés de Rus** from Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC), was this year's guest lecturer.

**Speakers:**

■ **Vicente Royuela (AQR-IREA)**

"Inequality, urbanization and economic growth"

■ **Arelly Ornelas (Riskcenter-IREA)**

"Alternative methods of estimating the longevity risk"

■ **Marta Gonzalez-Aregall (GIM-IREA)**

"On the spatial effects of transportation on manufacturing employment"

■ **Ginés de Rus (Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, ULPGC)**

"La reforma de la política de infraestructuras en España"

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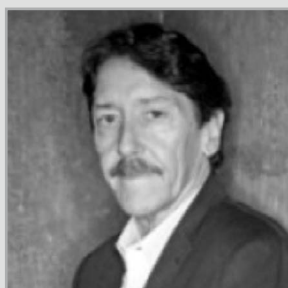


## WORKSHOP INNOVATION IN TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

**GiM – Càtedra Pasqual Maragall UB – XREAP**

On March 12 there was a workshop taught by Robert Cervero (University of California at Berkeley); "Bus Rapid Transit: An Efficient and Competitive Mode of Public Transport." On March 13 there was another workshop by Robert Cervero; "High-Speed Rail and Economic Development: Agglomeration Business and Policy Implications".

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## IREA-UB News

### The European Parliament publishes the results of the study "Wage Dispersion in the EU" conducted by the AQR-Lab

The European Parliament has published the results of the study "Wage Dispersion in the EU", conducted by the Laboratory of Knowledge Transfer in Applied Economics (AQR-Lab) at the University of Barcelona. The group of researchers at the University of Barcelona (UB), comprising Jordi Suriñach, Enrique López Bazo, Raúl Ramos and Vicente Royuela, undertook the study with Christian Dreger, an expert at the German Institute for Economics Research (DIW, Berlin).

The study analyses the role of labour market institutions in the evolution of wage inequality across the EU Member States. Among the conclusions drawn, the study highlights the fact that inequality increased in two-thirds of the EU Member States between 2006 and 2011. Spain heads the ranking in inequality in annual earnings, followed by Cyprus, Hungary and Slovakia.

The study is based on an analysis of information collected from the EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC) and the Structure of Earnings Survey (SES), together with other European statistics. The researchers compared a number of inequality measures, including the Gini coefficient, a measure of statistical dispersion that captures the unequal income distribution of a nation's residents.



**Work results are available on the following link [+]**

### AQR-IREA receives grants from the BBVA Foundation

The BBVA Foundation has awarded one of its five research grants in socioeconomics to the AQR-IREA research team. Its project, entitled "Redes de colaboración tecnológica e innovación. Determinantes y efectos sobre la competitividad de las empresas españolas", was chosen from more than a hundred applications in this research field. The AQR research team is formed by Rosina Moreno, Josep Lluís Carrión, Enrique López-Bazo, Raul Ramos, Vicente Royuela, Jordi Suriñach and Esther Vayá. The project also includes the participation of R. Crescenzi (LSE), E. Miguélez (University of Bordeaux) and S. Usai (CRENoS-University of Cagliari).

The overall objective of the two-year project is to provide robust evidence of the role played by technological collaboration and participation in global innovation networks in the success of the innovative activity of Spanish firms and their impact on both business results (above all in terms of international competitiveness) and the generation of employment and income inequality.

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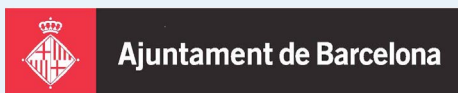
**AQR-Lab publishes its report “An evaluation of Sunday shop opening in Barcelona last summer”.**

The Laboratory of Knowledge Transfer in Applied Economics at the University of Barcelona (UB) has published a report for Barcelona's City Council in which it assesses the impact of Sunday shop opening during the last summer. The study has been directed by Jordi Suriñach in collaboration with two AQR-Lab members, Jordi López-Tamayo and Esther Vayá.

The study undertakes a global estimation of the pilot test whereby shops were allowed to open on Sundays between the 13th of July and the 7th of September. It also includes the opinions of agents regarding future potential changes. The report is based on various sources of information, including a census of the participating shops, surveys conducted with shoppers on those Sundays, an omnibus survey administered to residents of Barcelona, as well as surveys conducted with shop traders and consumer credit card data provided by the BBVA bank.

The study finds that the stance taken by traders and consumers alike is unclear as to whether Sunday shopping should be allowed, and whether it should be extended to the entire city or limited to specific zones or times. It is concluded that to obtain a better assessment of the measure, the pilot test would have to be implemented over a longer period.

Visit the study published in the following link: [\[+\]](#)

**Mercedes Ayuso and Miguel Santolino receive the «I Prize for Talent in the Insurance Market»**

Mercedes Ayuso and Miguel Santolino, members of the Riskcenter Group, have received the «I Prize for Talent in the Insurance Market». The prize is awarded by INESE to the best study undertaken of the insurance industry in Spain, Portugal or Latin America. The authors received the prize for their study entitled “Typology of litigation with an insurance component in the civil jurisdiction” (*Revista Española de Seguros*, 2013, N.156, pp. 564-583) and is the outcome of a joint research project with the legal protection company DAS (part of the ERGO Group).

The study analyses the expected impact of recent Spanish legislation promoting alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms (including mediation and arbitration) in disputes involving insurance companies.

**Dr Rosina Moreno receives the ICREA Academia Award 2014**

The outstanding academic career of Dr Rosina Moreno has been recognised with an ICREA Academia Award 2014 in a programme that this year has rewarded the research work of some thirty experts around Catalonia.

Dr Rosina Moreno is the third member of the Applied Economics Research Institute (IREA) to receive an ICREA Academia Award - an initiative aimed at fostering research excellence in Catalonia's public universities. Professor Josep Lluís Carrion-i-Silvestre received his award in 2009 and Professor Germà Bel in 2010.

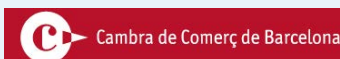
Rosina Moreno is a Professor of Applied Economics at the University of Barcelona. She has been a visiting professor at the Regional Research Institute of West Virginia University (1997-1998) and at the Bruton Center for Development Studies at the University of Texas, Dallas (Fall Semester 1998), as well as at the CRENoS research centre in Sardinia during summer 2002. She teaches in the fields of Econometrics and Spatial Econometrics and her current research interests focus on the study of the main determinants of economic growth at the regional level, with a particular emphasis on the effect of knowledge (human and technological capital), and innovation and its dissemination. The results of her research have been published in national and international journals (the majority of them indexed) as well as in books and book chapters from some of the most prestigious publishers. She has also participated in several projects funded by the R&D National Plan since 1999 and in three European projects (two Framework Programmes and ESPON), in all three cases acting as the leader of a work package.

**Second Quarterly Report of the Catalan Economy**

The AQR-Lab has, in conjunction with Barcelona's Chamber of Commerce of Barcelona, undertaken the second quarterly analysis of the economic situation in Catalonia based on information from a number of statistical sources (including the BCS, the Business Climate Indicator and other forecasts) and data obtained from published economic statistics.

According to the estimates of Barcelona's Chamber of Commerce and the AQR-Lab, Catalan GDP rose over the quarter by 0.7%, an identical increase to that recorded in the fourth quarter of 2014. The key factor explaining the positive evolution of GDP in both Catalonia and Spain is domestic demand, with the external sector continuing to make a negative contribution, albeit one that is gradually being reduced. According to these estimates, GDP rose from 1.9% in the fourth quarter of 2014 to 2.2% in the first quarter of 2015, the highest figure since early 2008.

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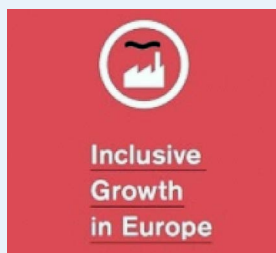
### Presentation of the book “Inclusive Growth in Europe”

Raül Ramos and Vicente Royuela, researchers from AQR-IREA, are the authors of the chapter entitled «Inequality in European Regions».

Few, if any, political issues pose a greater liberal dilemma than that of addressing inequality. An increase in growth usually implies an increase in inequality. However, is inequality really increasing in both the long- and short-terms in Europe? Is equality of opportunity different from equality of current conditions? These are some of the questions analyzed in the book “Inclusive Growth in Europe”. In an era of European stagnation and increasing inequality, Raül Ramos and Vicente Royuela, researchers from AQR-IREA Research Groups, are the authors of a chapter examining the specific question of inequality in European regions.

The book was presented in the Sala de Graus at the Faculty of Economics and Business on 24 March, at an event organized by the research group AQR-IREA of the University of Barcelona, the European Liberal Forum (ELF) and the *Associació Catalana de Ciència Regional* (ACCR). After the presentation, the authors gave a seminar in which they analyzed the other chapters of the book. Then, together with other experts and representatives from different political parties, they participated in a round-table discussion.

Raül Ramos and Vicente Royuela, in their chapter, examine the main trends of income inequality in Europe over the last decade, both at national and regional levels. The chapter also describes the main factors impacting inequality.



### Dr Erika Badillo successfully defends her doctoral thesis

On 20 March 2015, Erika Badillo successfully defended her doctoral thesis “R&D Cooperation: Determinants, persistence and its effect on firms’ innovative performance” supervised by Dr Rosina Moreno, in the Sala de Graus at the Faculty of Economics and Business.

The Doctoral Committee comprised Dr Jordi Suriñach, Dr Pablo D’Este and Dr Agustí Segarra. Her dissertation consists of three empirical studies, each of which constitutes a new contribution to the empirical research of firms’ R&D cooperation behaviour. Specifically, the thesis provides new evidence on three broad issues: 1) the determinants of firms’ R&D cooperation, 2) the dynamic behaviour of such R&D cooperation and 3) the impact of R&D cooperation strategies on firms’ innovative performance.



### Dr Ernest Miguélez appointed new Early Career Editor for Regional Studies

Dr Ernest Miguélez, Associate Researcher at AQR and Researcher at the CNRS & GREThA-Université de Bordeaux has been named new Early Career Editor for Regional Studies. Professor Ivan Turok, Editor-in-Chief of Regional Studies is delighted with the appointment “Ernest is a tremendous addition to the editorial team, and will really strengthen our capabilities in a wide range of subjects published in the journal, including applied economics, the geography of innovation, skilled labour mobility, social network analysis and spatial econometrics. I welcome Ernest to the role of Early Career Editor and look forward to working with him”.

Ernest commented “I am thrilled to become the Early Career Editor of Regional Studies. The previous Early Career Editor, Dr John Harrison, has done an amazing job, alongside the rest of the editorial team, placing Regional Studies as the reference journal in regional studies and economic geography. In my new role, I hope to humbly contribute to the efficient working and high standards of the journal. I also see this new challenge as a great opportunity to make a step forward in my career, by being involved in the editorial process of one of the best known journals in my discipline, while learning from other more senior colleagues during my everyday tasks. I look forward to starting my duties as Early Career Editor of Regional Studies!”.



### Dr Esther Goya successfully defends her doctoral thesis

On 27 March 2015, Esther Goya successfully defended her doctoral thesis “Essays on innovation, productivity and knowledge flows: Evidence for Spanish firms” supervised by Dr Esther Vayá and Dr Jordi Suriñach, in the Sala de Graus at the Faculty of Economics and Business.

The Doctoral Committee comprised Dr Stefano Usai, Dr Elena Huergo and Dr Rosina Moreno. Her dissertation consists of three empirical studies each of which constitutes a new contribution to the empirical research of the impact of knowledge flows on the relationship between innovation and firm performance. Specifically, the thesis provides new evidence on: 1) the importance of spillovers on firm performance, 2) the impact of external knowledge flows on firm behaviour and firm productivity using a structural model and 3) how internal knowledge flows affect a firm’s innovative performance.





**Dr David Castells-Quintana successfully defends his doctoral thesis**

On 10 April 2015, Dr. David Castells-Quintana successfully defended his doctoral thesis “Three Empirical Essays on Concentration of Resources and Economic Growth”, supervised by Dr Vicente Royuela, in the Sala de Graus at the Faculty of Economics and Business. Dr Andres Rodriguez-Pose, Dr Raul Ramos, and Dr Gustavo Marrero made up the Doctoral Committee.

David’s dissertation consists of three empirical studies focusing on two major world trends in modern economic development, namely increasing agglomeration and rising inequalities within countries. The thesis seeks to contribute to the understanding of the evolution of both trends and their impact on long-run economic growth, by making use of multiple techniques for data analysis and in light of the relevant theory and policy debate.



**Valeria Bernardo (GIM-IREA) receives the young researcher prize at the “3rd PhD Workshop on Industrial and Public Economics (WIPE)”**

Valeria Bernardo (GIM-IREA) has received the “2015 Prize for Young Researchers” for his joint paper written with Joan-Ramon Borrell (GIM-IREA) and Jordi Perdiguero (UAB): “Fast Charging Stations: Simulating Entry and Location in a Game of Strategic Interaction”. The prize was awarded by Chair for the Promotion of Firm Innovation (URV) to the best young researcher in the field of innovation.

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**Award given to Riskcenter’s young researcher**

Estefanía Alaminos, PhD candidate in Business, was awarded the young researcher prize in honor of professor Bernardo Pena. The 29th International Congress on Applied Economics was held at UCLM and focused on the sustainability and sufficiency of the pension system.



**Vidacaixa and Riskcenter present a study on the self-employed and SMEs**

Ramon Alemany and Montserrat Guillén presented the results of a study on risk management for the self-employed at the Caixaforum Madrid. The study calls for greater innovation in retirement instruments and more support for pension planning.

For more information [+]



**The AQR-Lab researchers that conducted the study “Wage Dispersion in the EU” interviewed by the UB**

The researchers Jordi Suriñach, Raül Ramos, Vicente Royuela and Enrique López Bazo (AQR-Lab) have been interviewed by the UB about their study “Wage Dispersion in the EU”, undertaken together with Christian Dreger (DIW).

The European Parliament has recently published the report, which is based on the European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions and the Structure of Earnings Survey. The UB questioned the researchers about the report’s conclusions that highlight wage inequality in Europe.

To see the interview: [+]



**DOCTORAL THESIS DEFENSE**

- **David Castells Quintana (April 10)**  
Three Empirical Essays on concentration of Resources and Economic Growth, directed by Dr. Vicente Royuela Mora.
- **Esther Goya Carrillo (March 23)**  
Essays on innovation, productivity and knowledge flows: evidence for Spanish firms, directed by Dr. Jordi Suriñach Caralt.
- **Erika Raquel Badillo Enciso (March 20)**  
R&D Cooperation: Determinants, persistence and its effect on firms’ innovative performance, directed by Dra. Rosina Moreno Serrano

## PUBLICATIONS:

## International

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- Clar, M. & Ramos, R. *Situación actual y perspectivas económicas de Cataluña*. LII Hispalink. Julio 2015. Situación actual y perspectivas económicas de las regiones de España. LII Hispalink. Julio 2015

## SEMINARS

- Binyun Huang** (Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics)  
*VET policies and economic convergence in Chinese regions*  
17/06/2015, **AQR-IREA**
- Francesco Vona** (OFCE Sciences Po- Observatoire français des conjonctures économiques)  
*Evolution, concentration and drivers of green employment: evidence from US metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, 2006-2014*  
29/05/2015, **AQR-IREA**
- Felix Weinhardt** (Humboldt-University Berlin)  
*What Drives Unemployment Disparities in European Regions? A Dynamic Spatial Approach*  
15/05/2015, **AQR-IREA**
- Vicente Rios** (Universidad Pública de Navarra)  
*What Drives Unemployment Disparities in European Regions? A Dynamic Spatial Approach*  
06/05/2015, **AQR-IREA**
- Antonio di Paolo** (Universitat de Barcelona)  
*Bilingual Schooling and Earnings: Evidence from a Language-in-Education Reform*  
30/04/2015, Càtedra Pasqual Maragall (**GIM-IREA**)
- Elena Prada** (PhD student in Economics at Bucharest University of Economic Studies)  
*An analysis of the determinants of return migration intention. Romanian perspective*  
29/04/2015, **AQR-IREA**
- Jesper Bo Pedersen** (Aarhus University and Formuepleje)  
*Historical Simulation with Fully Flexible Probabilities and Economic State Variables* 22/04/2015, **Riskcenter-IREA**
- Sébastien Bourdin** (Ecole de Management de Normandie)  
*Evaluation of the EU cohesion policy: from spatial analysis to agent-based modeling*  
24/04/2015, **AQR-IREA**
- Francesco Pastore** (Seconda Università di Napoli Palazzo Melzi)  
*The determinants of youth unemployment. A panel data analysis*  
17/04/2015, **AQR-IREA**
- Enrique Fernandez** (European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions)  
*Recent developments in the distribution of wages in Europe*  
09/04/2015, **AQR-IREA**
- Luis Ortiz** (Centre de Recerca Matemàtica-CRM)  
*A new look to the delta-gamma approach*  
18/03/2015, **Riskcenter-IREA**
- Abel Lucena** (Universitat de les Illes Balears - CREB)  
*The interaction mode and geographic scope of firms' technology alliances: implications for balancing exploration and exploitation in R&D*  
13/03/2015, **AQR-IREA**
- Begoña Guirao**, Gerard Llobet, Robert Cervero (UP Madrid, CEMFI, UC Berkeley)  
*High Speed Rail*  
13/03/2015, **GIM-IREA**
- Robert Cervero** (UC Berkeley)  
*Bus Rapid Transit: An Efficient and Competitive Mode of Public Transport*  
12/03/2015, **GIM-IREA**
- Juan Jung Lusiardo** (AQR-IREA, Universitat de Barcelona)  
*Impact of ICT on Firm Performance: Evidence from Latin America*  
ERE, 25/02/2015, **AQR-IREA**
- Claire Papaix** (IFSTTAR - Institut Français des Sciences et Technologies des Transports, de l'Aménagement et des Réseaux)  
*Policy packages for modal shift and CO2 reduction in Lille, France*  
12/02/2015, **GIM-IREA**
- José Vila** (Universitat de Valencia)  
*Principales actividades y especialización de LINEEX, laboratorio de economía experimental de la Universitat de Valencia*  
30/01/2015, **AQR-IREA**
- Gustavo Ahumada** (Observatorio of Colombian Caribbean)  
*Spatial analysis population growth in the Colombian Caribbean region*  
28/01/2015, **AQR-IREA**
- Angel A. Juan** (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya)  
*Simheuristics: extending metaheuristics to deal with stochastic optimization problems*  
21/01/2015, **Riskcenter-IREA**

## IREA-UB 2015 WORKING PAPERS

**WP 2015/01** “An analysis of the Okun’s law for the Spanish provinces” Melguizo Cháfer, C.

**WP 2015/02** “Multiple-input multiple-output vs. single-input single-output neural network forecasting” Claveria, O., Monte, E. and Torra, S.

**WP 2015/03** “Effects of removing the trend and the seasonal component on the forecasting performance of artificial neural network techniques” Claveria, O., Monte, E. and Torra, S.

**WP 2015/04** “Sovereigns and banks in the euro area: a tale of two crises” Gómez-Puig, M., Sosvilla-Rivero, S., and Singh, M.K

**WP 2015/05** “Human development and tourism specialization. Evidences from a panel of developed and developing countries” Biagi, B., Ladu, M.G., and Royuela, V.

**WP 2015/06** “Malthus living in a slum: urban concentration, infrastructures and economic growth” Castells-Quintana, D.

**WP 2015/07** “Regional Forecasting with Support Vector Regressions: The Case of Spain” Claveria, O., Monte, E. and Torra, S.

**WP 2015/08** “Financial stress transmission in EMU sovereign bond market volatility: a connectedness analysis” Fernández-Rodríguez, F., Gómez-Puig, M., and Sosvilla-Rivero, S.

**WP 2015/09** “Regional wage gaps, education, and informality in an emerging country. The case of Colombia” Herrera-Idárraga, P., López-Bazo, E., and Motellón, E.

**WP 2015/10** “Volatility spillovers in EMU sovereign bond markets” Fernández-Rodríguez, F., Gómez-Puig, M. and Sosvilla-Rivero, S.

**WP 2015/11** “Self-organizing map analysis of agents’ expectations. Different patterns of anticipation of the 2008 financial crisis” Claveria, O., Monte, E. and Torra, S.

**WP 2015/12** “On the bi-directional causal relationship between public debt and economic growth in EMU countries” Gómez-Puig, M. and Sosvilla-Rivero, S.

**WP 2015/13** “Fast Charging Stations: Simulating Entry and Location in a Game of Strategic Interaction” Bernardo, V., Borrell, J.R. and Perdiguero, J.

**WP 2015/14** “Determinants of Micro Firm Informality in Mexican States 2008-2012” Baez-Morales, A.

**WP 2015/15** “Political connections, corruption, and privatization of public services: Evidence from contracting out water services in Spain” Bel, G., González-Gómez, F. and Picazo-Tadeo, A.J

**WP 2015/16** “Differences in efficiency between Formal and Informal Micro Firms in Mexico” Báez-Morales, A

**WP 2015/17** “Bank risk behavior and connectedness in EMU countries” K. Singh, M., Gómez-Puig, M. and Sosvilla-Rivero, S.

## Press Summary

**Espanya 2015, test para la zona euro****Antón Costas**

04/01/2015, El País

**La trampa de la complaença****Antón Costas**

07/01/2015, El Periódico

**El 2014 amb quatre gràfics****Raül Ramos**

10/01/2015, L'Econòmic

**Corrupció i regeneració****Germà Bel**

13/01/2015, La Vanguardia

**És la regulació, no pas Ryanair!****Daniel Albalade**

24/01/2015, L'Econòmic

**Sense solució?: cap problema****Germà Bel**

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**I la raó ha vençut la por****Antón Costas**

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**El juego del gallina****Antón Costas**

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**Un nou progressisme****Antón Costas**

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**Repartir la feina per reduir l'atur****Raül Ramos**

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**Cos, pàtria i paràlisi****Daniel Albalade**

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**Interessos privats, utilitat pública****Joan-Ramon Borrell**

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**RPA****Germà Bel**

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**Las cosas que van bien****Antón Costas**

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Moreno, R. "Knowledge flows and the role of the territory", **Keynote speaker in the 2015 Summer School on Knowledge Dynamics, Industry Evolution, Economic Development**.

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Nieto S., Matano A., Ramos R. "Skill Mismatcher in the EU: Immigrants vs Natives", **Third Lisbon Research Workshop on Economics, Statistics and Econometrics of Education**.

Ramos, R.; Royuela, V. "Graduate migration in Spain: the impact of the great recession on a low mobility country", **XI Jornadas de Economía Laboral**.

Ramos, R.; Sanroma, E.; Simón, H. "Un análisis regional de las diferencias salariales entre trabajo a tiempo parcial y completo", **XI Jornadas de Economía Laboral**.

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**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

➤ **Barcelona Insurance and Risk Management Summer School 2015**

Riskcenter-IREA is to host the Barcelona Insurance and Risk Management Summer School 2015. Three activities are organized during the 2015 Barcelona Risk and Insurance Summer School at Riskcenter. July, 3 Evaluation of public policies for Sustainable Long-Term Care (held in Valencia), July 15 “Conic Finance Explained and Applied” by Wim Schoutens and July, 16 Workshop on Economic Assessment of Bodily Injuries in Motor Claims.

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➤ **RSAI/ERSA 2015 BARCELONA WORKSHOP ON REGIONAL AND URBAN ECONOMICS**

**Barcelona 26-27 November 2015**

AQR-IREA is pleased to announce the RSAI/ERSA 2015 Barcelona Workshop on Regional and Urban Economics, to be held in Barcelona on November 26th-27th 2015. The workshop will be focused on Spatial Perspectives of Human Capital. Its aim is to bring together researchers in urban and regional economics who are working in topics where the broad concept of human capital plays a fundamental role.

Papers can be submitted until September 13th 2015.

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➤ **International Workshop “Advances in Research on Surface Transportation: Motorways and High Speed Rail”**

**Barcelona 23-24 November 2015**

GIM-IREA is pleased to announce the International Workshop “Advances in Research on Surface Transportation: Motorways and High Speed Rail”, to be held in Barcelona on November 23th-24th 2015. The workshop will be focused on Privatization of Motorways, Public Private Partnerships and High-Speed Rail.

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