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**IX Annual Seminar of IREA-UB**
The IX IREA Annual Seminar, was held on January 15th of 2016 in the Aula Magna of the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Barcelona. Rafael Doménech from the University of Valencia and BBVA Research was this year’s guest lecturer. His conferences was about “The long-run Challenges of the Spanish Economy” in which he kept that “the challenge for Spain is to implement the structural reforms needed to grow more evenly and therefore create more employment and welfare”. He also kept that “Spain must remove barriers to growth and promote more efficient markets, in order to promote business growth, competitiveness and internationalization”. The number of assistances this year were 50.

**Speakers:**
- Celia Melguizo (AQR-IREA)
  “An analysis of Okun’s law for the Spanish provinces”
  Discussant: Lidia Farré (GiM-IREA)
- Malena Monteverde (Riskcenter-IREA)
  “Envejecimiento Poblacional y Dependencia en la Argentina”
  Discussant: Marién André (AQR-IREA)
- Daniel Albalate and Albert Gragera (GiM-IREA)
  “The impact of curbside parking regulation on garage demand”
  Discussant: Manuela Alcañiz (Riskcenter-IREA)
- Rafael Domenech
  “The Long-Run Challenges of the Spanish Economy”

For more information about the program visit the following link: [+]

**Big data for insurance**
Arthus Charpentier (Professor of the University of Québec à Montréal and the University of Rennes I) has presented Data Science & Big Data for Actuaries. The place of the presentation has been at Sala de Graus of the Faculty of Economics and Bussines of the University of Barcelona on Tuesday 5th of April of 2016 at 16:00h.

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**AQR-IREA researchers published the “Day trippers in small areas: Methodology and implementation: Barcelona area” book**
This work is pioneer in Europe by proposing a specific methodology to identify and account day trippers moving in the territory, and in the case of Barcelona and its regions represents a very large volume of people so far unquantified. The used methodology and an application to the county of the Alt Penedès, in the Province of Barcelona are presented. This publication is the result of joint work between the Laboratory of knowledge transfer AQR-Lab, CEGOS and Barcelona Provincial Council.

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**AQR-Lab presented the “study on the impact of the adoption of a minimum wage locally: International evidence”**
The Regional Minister of Employment, Social Affairs and Family, Dolors Bassa, participated in the presentation of the “Study on the impact of the adoption of a minimum wage locally. International evidence” produced by AQR-Lab Laboratory of Applied Economics at the University of Barcelona and commissioned by the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (AMB).
One of the main conclusions of the study, which compared several international research level, is the introduction of a minimum wage does not destroy jobs, despite several voices that until recently accredited so. Among the various positive effects of the minimum wage, the authors include increased purchasing power for workers in lower wage strips, which generates more economic activity; and a decrease in the rates of poverty and inequality, which also results in less dependence on grants and social benefits. Another measure is the increase in prices.
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Since the studies on which searches are based on international territories have different economies to the reality of the AMB and the Catalan economy, the study also recommends an ex-ante on features (salary structure, sectoral specialization, level of training of workers, etc) which affect the application of the minimum wage. It also suggests a series of issues on which we should consider before implementing the measure (such as salary, deferred the introduction of the measure, if you needed to do was to exclude certain groups or sectors, mechanisms adoption, etc).

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Thesis defenses
- Jessica Ordoñez Cuenca (May, 24th) “Tres ensayos sobre migración y Mercado Laboral en Ecuador”, directed by Dr Raúl Ramos and by Dr Vicente Royuela.
- Marta Gonzalez Aregall (February, 01st) “Infraestructure and Transport economics: an overview of Port’s sector”, directed by Dr. Xavier Fageda Sanjuan.
- Omar Garcia Leon (January, 29th) “Tres ensayos sobre la movilidad laboral: aspectos metodológicos y evidencia empírica”, directed by Dr. Raul Ramos Lobo.
- Rogelio Ladrón de Guevara Cortés (January, 24th) “Techniques for estimating the generative multifactor model of returns in statistical approach to the arbitrage Pricing Theory evidence from the Mexican stock Exchange”, directed by Dr. Salvador Torra Porras.
- Rosa Garcia Hernandez (January, 22nd) “Approaches to variable pay systems”, directed by Dr. Rosa Nonell Torres.
- Santiago Aguilá Batllori (January, 14th) “El control financiero la Gestió dels costos a la Universitat Pública: el cas catalá”, directed by Dr. Jordi Martí Pidelaserra and Dr. Francisco Martin Peña.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

International Workshop on the Economics of Parking 28th November 2016

This conference will focus on the recent developments in the economics of parking. By bringing together researchers from different countries, it seeks to become an international meeting to discuss the developments and challenges of research in this field. Papers presented may be theoretical or applied. However, special attention will be given to empirical papers addressing transport policy issues related to the regulation of parking. The workshop will bring together academics, policymakers and practitioners from the public and private sectors to discuss those issues. The conference format will be designed to facilitate informal interactions among participants.

AQR-IREA is pleased to announce the 2016 Barcelona Workshop on Regional and Urban Economics, to be held in Barcelona on October 27th-28th, 2016.

The workshop will be focused on innovation and the spatial diffusion of knowledge with emphasis in collaboration networks. Its aim is to bring together researchers in urban and regional economics who are working in topics where the broad concept of the geography of innovation plays a fundamental role. Particular attention will be paid to papers dealing with the mechanisms and actors of knowledge diffusion (knowledge spillovers, networks, technological collaboration, and knowledge relatedness). Although the Workshop will focus on empirical papers, theoretical studies are also welcome.

The keynotes speakers of the workshop will be:
- Maryann Feldman (Department of Public Policy at the University of North Carolina)
- Karen Maguire (Regional Innovation Unit of the OECD Regional Development Policy Division)

Edward W.Frees
(University of Wisconsin)
Tittle: Insurance Portfolio Risk Retention
Place: Room 329, Espais de Recerca (ERE), 20/01/2016 12:30h
Group: Riskcenter-IREA

Hoon Choi
(Universitat de Barcelona)
Tittle: Do anti-discrimination laws alleviate labor market duality?
Place: 329, Espais de Recerca (ERE), 03/02/2016 14:00h
Group: AQR Seminar – IREA Seminar

Simonetta Longhi
(Institute for Social and Economic Research)
Tittle: Do anti-discrimination laws alleviate labor market duality?
Place: 329, Espais de Recerca (ERE), 05/02/2016 12:30h
Group: AQR Seminar – IREA Seminar

Francesco Quatraro
(University of Turin)
Tittle: Knowledge Complexity and Productivity Growth in European Regions
Place: 329, Espais de Recerca (ERE), 19/02/2016 12:30h
Group: AQR Seminar – IREA Seminar

Stefania Marcassa
(Université de Cergy-Pontoise)
Tittle: The Geography of Social Change
Place: 329, Espais de Recerca (ERE), 04/03/2016 12:30h
Group: AQR Seminar – IREA Seminar
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Cristina Lopez-Mayan  
(Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)  
Title: Teaching Styles and achievement: Student and Teacher Perspectives  
Place: 329, Espais de Recerca (ERE), 18/03/2016 12:30h  
Group: AQR Seminar – IREA Seminar

Jasper Van Dijk  
(University of Oxford)  
Title: Investing in lagging regions is efficient: a local multipliers analysis of US cities  
Place: 329, Espais de Recerca (ERE), 01/04/2016 12:30h  
Group: AQR Seminar – IREA Seminar

Ricardo Cao  
(Universidad A Coruña)  
Title: Single index models and applications  
Place: 321, Espais de Recerca (ERE) 12/04/2016 15:00h  
Group: Riskcenter Seminar – IREA Seminar

Joan Maria Mussons  
(Universitat de Barcelona)  
Title: Estimating Potential Output at Regional Level: the Catalan Case  
Place: 329, Espais de Recerca (ERE), 13/04/2016 14:00h  
Group: AQR Seminar – IREA Seminar

Helen McGuirk  
(University of Limerick)  
Title: Employee, firm and national level divers of firm-level innovation  
Place: 329, Espais de Recerca (ERE) 22/06/2016 14:00h  
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