

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **GLOBELICS MEXICO 2008**

**“New insights for understanding innovation and competence building for sustainable development and social justice”**

Organized by:

**The Global Network for the Economics of Learning, Innovation, and Competence Building Systems (Globelics)**

**Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (UAM)  
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)**

**Date: September 22-24, 2008**

**Place: Mexico City**

GLOBELICS (Global Network for Economics of Learning, Innovation, and Competence Building Systems) is an international network of scholars who apply the concept of "learning, innovation, and competence building system" (LICS) as their framework and are dedicated to the strengthening of LICS in developing countries, emerging economies and societies in transition. The research aims at locating unique systemic features as well as generic good practices to enlighten policy making relating to innovation, competence building, international competitiveness, regional development, labor market and human capital development. In an increasingly global and knowledge-based competition, management strategies need to be based upon an understanding of these framework conditions and the public policies which seek to regulate the environment.

GLOBELICS has regional chapters in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Apart from providing training for PhD scholars through the Academy at Lisbon and Tampere GLOBELICS organizes annual conferences. Until now five such conferences have been organized. The first GLOBELICS conference was held in 2003, at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, it was followed by the second conference at Beijing, China (2004), the third conference at Tshwane (Pretoria), South Africa (2005), the fourth in Trivandrum, India (2006), and the fifth in Saratov, Russia (2007). All five conferences were attended by leading scholars in the field from the developed and developing worlds.

For the sixth conference to be held in Mexico City papers that contribute to the understanding of 'Styles' or modes of Development (or Political Economy of Development): paradigms of public policies, conflicts, trade-offs and choices among alternative public policies will be welcome. The conference will be organized around the following themes on the following issues:

1. Innovation, economic development and inequality (Education, Health, Employment, Migration, Gender Equity, Income Distribution).
2. The conditions for developing sustainable systems of innovation. Biofuel, energy systems, water supply, transport, tourism and sustainable development. The role of new 'horizontal technologies' (ICTs and biotechnologies).
3. Innovation in indigenous knowledge systems and in traditional sectors (e.g. agriculture, handcraft, clothing, eco-tourism, etc.).
4. Factors affecting differences in economic growth rates: convergence vs divergence in productivity and welfare standards. Patterns of sectoral catching-up.

5. Globalization, autonomy/openness and development.
6. The links between microeconomic learning and macroeconomic policies.
7. Forces inducing learning and the expansion of domestic technological capabilities.
8. Innovation, SME and local development. Factors of attractiveness and embeddedness of the MNCs in local/regional/national systems.
9. Privatization of knowledge, Intellectual Property Right (IPR) and development.
10. International cooperation and national innovation policies to face global challenges (poverty, diseases, natural disasters).

Spanning three days, the conference will include a variety of sessions: plenary and round tables to discuss critical issues for the economics of learning, innovation, and competence building systems, and contributed paper sessions to discuss on-going research themes. Also a session on the “Role of Science, Technology and Innovation Policies for development”, will be jointly organized with PRIME\* on the 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.

*Abstracts.* The conference organizing committee invites submission of abstracts for papers to be presented on the conference topics. Submit well developed four-page abstracts by **April 10th, 2008** by the website ([http://globelics\\_conference2008.xoc.uam.mx](http://globelics_conference2008.xoc.uam.mx)) or to Gabriela Dutrénit, Program Chair ([globelicsmexico@correo.xoc.uam.mx](mailto:globelicsmexico@correo.xoc.uam.mx)). We especially encourage young researchers to submit an abstract.

Acceptance of participation is based on a review by the Conference Scientific Committee upon novelty, academic quality and relevance to the themes of the conference, and accepted paper writers will be informed by **May 10th, 2008**. Accepted participants must develop full texts and submit them before **August 1st, 2008**. Only full papers received on this deadline will be included in the Conference program. All papers will be placed on the Website.

**PhD students paper competition.** Ph.D. students currently in programs of developing countries may enter the PhD students' paper competition. Winners will receive free accommodation and travel support, a small grant to support their research and a diploma. Full papers should be submitted by July 1st, 2008, to [globelicsmexico@correo.xoc.uam.mx](mailto:globelicsmexico@correo.xoc.uam.mx)

As has been the case for the previous Globelics Conferences, arrangements are made to publish selected contributions in special issues of leading journals in the field in 2009.

All the participants with accepted abstracts, and who deliver their papers before August 1st, 2008, will be provided local hospitality for three days (September 22nd-24th). The delegates should be prepared to pay for all the other expenses in the hotel like mini bar, telephone, laundry etc and outside like the city tour, other social events etc.

The Globelics Board is trying to mobilize resources for providing some travel support for participants from developing countries. Those who are in need may contact the organizing committee through Prof Lundvall ([bal@business.aau.dk](mailto:bal@business.aau.dk)) once their abstracts have been accepted.

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