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1. NAKE WORKSHOP AT UTRECHT UNIVERSITY, JUNE 6-10, 2005

The following lecturers will teach an intensive course at the workshop:

Badi Baltagi (Texas A&M University, USA)
Title: Econometric Analysis of Panel Data

Giuseppe Bertola (Università di Torino, Italy)
Title: Distribution in Macroeconomic Models

John D. Wilson (Michigan State University, USA)
Title: International Tax Competition (Provisional)

Eyal Winter (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israël)
Title: Incentives in Organizations

We are asking NAKE students who would like to participate to register as soon as possible through our web site: www.nake.nl. Note that participation is also possible if you are not a NAKE student.

You can find more information at our web site or you can contact the NAKE secretariat (phone: (+31)13 466 25 16 and e-mail: nake@uvt.nl).

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2. POST-DOC AND SENIOR RESEARCH POSITIONS AT FREE UNIVERSITY AMSTERDAM

The Centre for World Food Studies at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam has post-doc and senior research positions in economics and earth and life sciences.

About the Centre

The Centre for World Food Studies (Dutch acronym SOW-VU) is a research institute associated with the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of the Vrije Universiteit. To implement its research plans for 2005-2009, the Centre seeks creative and highly motivated new staff to fulfill existing vacancies as well as new positions. The current portfolio of activities covers a broad range of development oriented policy issues, which include projects on the long-term prospects of the world food situation, on improving the delivery of food aid in Sub-Saharan Africa, on the food and agriculture economy of China, on the valuation and sharing of water resources in the Jordan River Basin, on reform of the Common Agricultural Policy of the EU after the accession of new member states (and on its impact on developing countries), and on relations between soil fertility and productivity in Africa.

The Centre operates in multidisciplinary teams, in close co-operation with a significant number of international partners, currently comprising, among others, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Austria, the Glushkov Institute of Cybernetics in Ukraine, the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic

Research (ISSER) in Ghana, and several United Nations organizations. Projects are conducted for several Dutch Ministries as well as the World Bank, the UN's International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the European Commission. More information on the Centre and its research activities can be found at www.sow.vu.nl.

Job requirements

Candidates should have a PhD either in economics with a strong background in economic modeling, or in earth and life sciences with an interest in economics and a proven record of quantitative modeling. Publications in international journals are a prerequisite. In addition to individual and team research, tasks include participation in project co-ordination and acquisition, and contribution to capacity building in developing countries through teaching and preparation of training material. Depending on qualifications, a post-doc or senior research position at the Vrije Universiteit can be offered, following the rules for academic positions in the Netherlands. Gross salaries are in the range of €2625 to €4580 per month.

Application procedure

Applications including CV should be addressed to Professor Michiel Keyzer, Director of the Centre for World Food Studies, Vrije Universiteit, room 15A-15, De Boelelaan 1105, 1081 HV Amsterdam, The Netherlands, or by email to pm@sow.vu.nl. Please respond before April 30, 2005.

3. TWO PHD POSITIONS IN ECONOMICS AT FREE UNIVERSITY AMSTERDAM

The Centre for World Food Studies at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam has two vacancies for PhD students.

About the Centre

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The organization of work in small multidisciplinary teams, with its focus on policy relevant scientific research, creates a unique environment for PhD research, in which both high-level and intensive guidance on research is on offer. Detailed descriptions of possible topics can be found at www.sow.vu.nl. Depending on the interests and background of the candidate, a specific research plan will be formulated in the first year of the appointment.

Job requirements

Candidates should have an MA or MSc degree in economics or econometrics, with a proven interest in quantitative modeling, or an MSc degree in mathematics or statistics with a strong interest in economics. Depending on the level of their prior training, candidates may be required to complete additional graduate courses in the first year of appointment. Research should lead to a PhD-thesis as well as to publications in international journals. In principle, the positions are full-time and appointment as a PhD-student takes place for a period of one year and three months, after which an evaluation takes place. Upon positive evaluation, the contract will be extended with two years and nine months. Salaries are in conformity with

the rules of the Vrije Universiteit, and imply a gross salary of €1813 in the first year, increasing to €2394 in the final year.

Application procedure

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4. PHD POSITION AT SOM, UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN

The Dutch Science Foundation NWO has granted a four-year subsidy for the PhD project 'Competition, non-governmental organizations, and product quality'. The project was submitted by Bert Schoonbeek, Marco Haan and Peter Kooreman, all affiliated to the Department of Economics of the University of Groningen.

The key objective of this project is to gain a better understanding of the role of non-governmental organizations – such as environmental groups – in influencing consumers, and on the subsequent competition between firms. The project will contribute to the theoretical literature on product quality choice, advertising, environmental economics, and the economics of non-governmental regulation.

Candidates should have an MPhil or MSc degree in Econometrics or (quantitative) Economics or a similar degree, and have an interest in applications of industrial organization theory and game theory to environmental economics. The PhD will be appointed as 'promovendus' (aio/oio) for four years at the research school SOM of the University of Groningen (see <http://som.rug.nl/>).

More information can be provided by Bert Schoonbeek, e-mail: L.Schoonbeek@eco.rug.nl.

5. ECONOMIST POSITION AT ESB

ESB Economie die prikkelt

Het tijdschrift

Economisch Statistische Berichten (ESB) is hét Nederlandse blad over economische wetenschap en economisch beleid. Naast de tweewekelijkse editie verzorgt ESB thematische uitgaven, een economische databank op cd-rom en de website www.economie.nl.

Wegens vertrek van een collega zijn wij op zoek naar een:

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6. PORTFOLIO ANALYST AT ABP

The Global Core Bond Fund invests in Fixed Income spread sectors, such as Credits and Securitized products. The Core Bond Plus Fund Europe is the European part of this Fund. The ABS/MBS portfolio is part of the CBPFE of ABP.

Position: Portfolio Analyst, European ABS/MBS.

Responsibilities:

- Developing and maintaining a database to monitor transactions in the ABS/MBS portfolio;
- Detecting performance trends in asset classes/regions and individual transactions from the database;
- Modelling transactions in their sensitivity to defaults, losses and prepayment speeds in the underlying assets with the goal of detecting threats to existing positions or opportunities in the market;
- Report and share output from modelling with Portfolio Managers.

Qualifications:

- Has recently completed a University degree in economics, econometrics or financial economics;
- Some Fixed Income or Securitization experience is an advantage

Qualities:

- Strong financial and analytical skills, able to build financial models;
- Is an advanced user of Excel;
- Is able to work independently;
- Is structured, accurate and pro-active;
- Shows strong willingness to learn and is able to grow;
- Has an excellent command of the English language.

Location: Amsterdam
