



## 5<sup>th</sup> International CASE Conference 'Winds of Change: The Impact of Globalization on Europe and Asia'

CASE and CASE Ukraine jointly organise the 2007 CASE International Conference 'Winds of Change: The Impact of Globalization on Europe and Asia'. The event will be held in Kiev (Ukraine) on March 23-24, 2007.

With high growth rates in China, South-East Asia, India and Central Asia the economic centre of gravity of Eurasia is quickly shifting to the East. The same is true as regards population. At the same time most of Europe faces serious growth barriers in the long term. These come from excessive welfare provision, population aging and institutional rigidities. Europe is also losing competitiveness to Asia in many sectors and industries.

This raises uncertainty not only about the economic and social perspectives for Europe, but also in respect of what has been called its "external modernization mission". The future of the European integration project, which attracted less developed countries into the European "core" and helped them achieve rapid modernization, is unclear at the moment. Both a fast completion of ongoing EU enlargement in the Balkans and Turkey and, even more, prospects for the integration into Europe of CIS countries, are under question. On the other hand, fast growing countries of East and South East Asia are discussing deeper economic integration in their region, which may in future create another center of integration on the Eurasian continent.

The conference will look at the causes and consequences of this major shift in economic power and political potential and consider options faced by policymakers at various parts of Europe and Asia. Discussion will include themes such as differences in growth performance, the nature of global imbalances, changing directions of goods, capital and aid flows, the challenges of migration and emerging regional integration models.

The conference will contain 6 thematic sessions and 3 keynote addresses. It will gather 200-250 participants from various countries, mostly from Europe, Asia, the Middle East and North America. Participants interested in early registration can benefit from a special offer on the two-day delegate fee, which is now 150 USD [\[click here to register online\]](#)

For more information about the conference please visit the conference service [\[click here\]](#)



### Rethinking balance-of-payments constraints in a globalized world

"We live in an era of rapid globalization, which particularly affects cross-border capital flows and financial markets" writes Marek Dąbrowski in his newest paper "Rethinking balance-of-payments constraints in a globalized world", published on 4 August 2006. The author confronts the traditional balance-of-payments (BoP) analytical framework (with its dominant focus on the size of a given country's current account imbalance and its external liabilities) with the contemporary realities of highly integrated international capital markets and cross-border capital mobility. The paper, published within Studies & Analyses series (No 330), is available at the CASE website [\[click here\]](#).



## Consortium led by CASE has started the FP6 European research project on the EU Eastern Neighbourhood

The consortium led by CASE won the Specific Targeted Research Project (STREP), financed under the European community Sixth Framework Program, Priority 7 "Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-Based Society". The project topic is EU Eastern Neighbourhood – Economic Potential and Future Development (ENEPO). The main purpose of this project is to examine the potential of the European Neighbourhood Policy to upgrade the relations between the enlarged EU and CIS countries in the spheres of trade, investment, labour movement, technical cooperation, and to speed up economic and governance reforms in NIS, with special attention given to mutual interdependence between these areas.

ENEPO is composed of 14 workpackages carried out by 11 research institutions from the European Union, European Economic Area, EU candidate countries and CIS countries:

- CASE – Center for Social and Economic Research, Warsaw (consortium leader),
- Center for Economic and Financial Research CEFIR, Moscow,
- Center for Social and Economic Research CASE-Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek,
- Center for Social and Economic Research CASE-Transcaucasus, Tbilisi,
- Center for Social and Economic Research CASE-Ukraine, Kiev,
- Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales (CEPII), Paris,
- Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels,
- Foundation for Social and Economic Research CASE Moldova, Chisinau,
- Institute for Market Economics (IME), Sofia,
- Kiel Institute for the World Economics (IfW),
- Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI).

Marek Dabrowski is Project Coordinator, Maryla Maliszewska – Deputy Project Coordinator and Sebastien Leclef – Project Administrator. A kick-off meeting gathering the workpackage coordinators and discussing the detail project research agenda and time schedule hosted by CASE Ukraine has been organized in Kiev on June 30 and July 1, 2006. The main developments of the project will be available on the ENEPO sub-page <http://enepo.case.com.pl>



## CASE supports EU Development Policy

CASE recently launched three technical assistance missions under the EU-funded LOT-11 Multiple Framework Contract "Macroeconomy, Public Finances and Regulatory Aspects."

Under this contract, awarded to CASE as a member of a consortium led by ECORYS (Netherlands) our think-tank is responsible for providing experts in the abovementioned areas for European Union-funded aid missions to third countries across the globe. In Djibouti, CASE has provided technical assistance in drafting the Joint Annual Report (JAR) and the Country Strategy Paper (CSP). Both documents are core elements of the institutional cooperation between the EU and developing countries. The JAR provides a yearly update on the socio-economic and political situation in the country, results

achieved and suggestions in light of the need and performance of the country. The CSP concerns the EU cooperation objectives and its development agenda for Africa, the national development policies and strategies of the Government of Djibouti. In Morocco, CASE is carrying out the "Mid-Term Technical Evaluation of the Support Programme to the Implementation of the Association Agreement" – a crucial element of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. The mission in Tajikistan assists the government in preparing a Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper. Experts work together with working groups on health, education, agriculture and private sector development in order to prepare policies for the Strategy Paper in these sectors.

More details about the LOT-11 Framework Contract can be found [here](#).

## Regulatory Policy in Ukraine is unfriendly for business

Ukraine was listed only 124th in a ranking of ease of doing business encompassing a total of 155 countries (World Bank and IFC, 2006).

The regulatory environment for business in Ukraine has been considered unfavorable and market unfriendly. Although various governments have made numerous efforts to improve it, many of these attempts have failed and increasing the quality of the regulatory environment in the country still remains on the agenda of the government – write Ewa Balcerowicz and Oleg Ustenko in their recent paper "Regulatory Policy in Ukraine: Current State and What Should be Done to Improve the Business Environment". Balcerowicz and Ustenko have reviewed a set of measures undertaken in Ukraine after the Orange Revolution in the area of deregulation of business activity. CASE and CASE Ukraine experts analyzed the effectiveness of actions undertaken in Ukraine in a general framework of successful regulatory policies implemented in other parts of the world. Based on this analysis, they have developed concrete public policy measures aiming to increase the quality of the regulatory environment in the country, which, in turn, should secure Ukraine's further movement toward a real, functioning market economy.

The paper was developed for a project funded by UNDP Ukraine and entitled Task Force on Economic Reform Strategy (Blue Ribbon Commission II Project cont.). It is available on our website [\[link\]](#)



## 2005 - a good year for CASE

2005 has been a good year for CASE. We have increased our research output both in terms of academic quality and quantity. We have taken advantage of our status as a European Union based organisation to successfully respond to new opportunities. We have made important progress in our institutional development and strengthened our financial stability. As a result, our research and advisory projects have made more of a difference in improving economic policy-making across Europe and beyond. We are excited about this - it is our strong belief that better policies will contribute to the improved well-being of societies – write Ewa Balcerowicz and Artur Radziwiłł, members of the CASE Board in the letter from the Board published in the Annual

Report 2005. The report highlights the most important developments that took place in 2005 and provides a detailed review of CASE's projects, events, publications and other initiatives carried out by CASE itself and in co-operation with its daughter organizations and other partners. The annual report is available [\[here\]](#)





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Inna Golodniuk, *Evidence on the bank-lending channel in Ukraine*, Research in International Business and Finance; Lucio Vinhas de Souza (ed.), Beyond the euro area: Monetary Policy in selected CIS countries, Volume 20/2, June 2006, pp. 180-199. [\[link\]](#)

Malgorzata Antczak, Marek Dabrowski, Michal Gorzelak, *Fiscal Challenges Facing the New Member States*, Comparative Economic Studies 48 (2006), pp. 252-276. [\[link\]](#)

Igor Pelipas, *Money demand and inflation in Belarus: Evidence from cointegrated VAR*, Research in International Business and Finance; Lucio Vinhas de Souza (ed.), Beyond the euro area: Monetary Policy in selected CIS countries, Volume 20/2, June 2006, pp. 200-214. [\[link\]](#)