

NEWS

Dear colleagues,

We have just returned from Kyiv, where CASE and CASE Ukraine hosted a successful international conference that focused on the economic emergence of Asia and the challenges that this presents to policy-makers in Europe and elsewhere. Bringing together leading scholars from across the world to discuss global trends and their policy implications is central to our mission of providing analysis and promoting solutions to policy challenges.

We hope you enjoy reading about both our regular activities, such as the latest BRE-CASE seminars, as well as unique events such as the presentations of CASE reports to EU policymakers and Prof. Schneider's guest seminar on page two. Our new 'CASE People' section in the newsletter provides information on the people who help make CASE such a success. There you will find a short interview with Dmytro Boyarchuk, director of CASE Ukraine, who discusses his organization's progress and plans for the future. One of our institutional goals is to promote the development of civil society in post-communist countries and we are proud of the success and growth of CASE Ukraine. You can also read about Dr. Marek Dąbrowski's latest advisory work in places such as Egypt and Syria. We are delighted to welcome Dr. Ainura Uzagalieva to our institution. Dr. Uzagalieva is a Kyrgyz native who received her PhD from CERGE-EI in 2005. You can read more about her research interests in her profile on page three. We would also like to extend our congratulations to CASE Advisory Council member Simon Johnson, who was recently appointed Chief Economist at the International Monetary Fund.

April and May will be busy months at CASE, with the launch of the new Polish Economic Outlook and the next CASE-BRE seminar on business strategy in Poland. We look forward to welcoming you to our events, or meeting you on-line.

Best Regards,
Dr. Ewa Balcerowicz,
CASE President

CASE and CASE Ukraine Host Major International Economic Conference



On March 23rd and 24th in Kyiv, CASE and CASE Ukraine hosted an international conference on the impact of the economic emergence of South and SouthEast Asia on Europe and Asia. The dominant theme of the conference was the rise of China and India during the 21st century and the global adjustments that this will require.

The conference included 32 panelists drawn from the International Monetary Fund, European Commission, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, various governments, leading Washington and Brussels-based think-tanks and universities across the world. The panelists were organized into six sessions, which focused on the Asian challenge to Europe, global imbalances, migration, aid and trade, governance and economic development and the European Union and its near abroad. Key-note addresses were given by Martin Wolf of the Financial Times, who spoke on the challenges and risks of globalization, Alan Gelb of the World Bank, who gave an overview of the economic development of Africa and Oleksandr Savchenko of the National Bank of Ukraine. Conference participants traveled from Europe, North America, the Middle East and Asia to participate in the event.

"The European economy is part of the global economy, an economy which has undergone profound changes during last two decades, a fact which is often neglected in the intra-European debate," explained Marek Dąbrowski, chairman of the CASE supervisory council, in his opening remarks to the conference. Dr. Dąbrowski also stressed that Central and Eastern European countries are eager to join Western Europe in hosting international conferences on global economic issues and challenges.

"Winds of Change: The Impact of Globalization on Europe and Asia" is the fifth in a series of bi-annual international conferences organized by CASE.

To view a full list of conference speakers, summaries of the sessions, conference papers and photos, click here: [Winds of Change](#)

First ENEPO Workshop Held in Kyiv

Following the Winds of Change Conference, CASE and CASE Ukraine jointly hosted a workshop for participants in the ENEPO project (EU Eastern Neighbourhood: Economic Potential and Future Development), which is funded under the EC's Sixth Framework Program. The aim of the project is to investigate the various economic aspects of the EU's relations with its eastern neighbors. It is being conducted by ten European and CIS partner institutions under CASE leadership. Members of these ten institutions met in Kyiv in order to discuss the results of the research of the thirteen work-packages at the end of the first year of the project. It was also an opportunity to explore possible synergies between the work-packages of various teams, which focus on topics such as labour migration, institutional harmonization and the development gap between CIS and EU countries.

For more details on the project, click here: [ENEPO](#)

EVENTS

CASE team presents Ukraine and Moldova reports to EU Policymakers

CASE's work on the future of economic relations between the EU and Ukraine and the EU and Moldova is attracting attention among European Union policy-makers. On March 5th, CASE experts Malgorzata Jakubiak and Wojciech Paczynski presented the findings of both reports at an event hosted by DIW - the German Institute for Economic Research in Berlin. The presentation was intended to communicate key issues to policymakers involved in the German EU presidency.

In April, Malgorzata Jakubiak and Vitaliy Vavryshuk of CASE Ukraine will present the findings of the Ukraine report to the International Trade Committee in the European Parliament in Brussels and at the Baltic Intergroup at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. The reports, co-authored with economists from CASE daughter organizations in Ukraine and Moldova, were initially presented at seminars in Kyiv and Warsaw in December 2006. They are part of CASE's continuing economic research on Eastern neighborhood economic policy.

Click on the following links to view the reports:

[Prospects for EU-Ukraine economic relations](#)

[EU-Moldova Economic Relations](#)



Latest BRE-CASE Seminars Analyze Newest EU Members and Evolution of Polish Business Sector

The topic of the January BRE-CASE seminar was Bulgaria and Romania's entry in the EU. The speakers Mateusz Walewski and Wojciech Paczynski (CASE), Ewa Sadowska-Cieślak (National Bank of Poland) and Jacek Wojciechowicz (World Bank) gave an overview of the economic and social situation in Europe's two newest member countries, and assessed how their entry into the European Union may affect Poland's economy.



The second seminar, held in February, provided an overview of the evolution of the business sector in Poland, looking at the major trends and changes during the period of 1989 - 2005.

BRE-CASE seminars span various topics and current issues in both the Polish and global economies. Over 90 editions of our BRE-CASE publication series have appeared since 1992, making it our oldest regular publication series. We invite you to the next BRE-CASE seminar on May 10th on the business strategies of Polish banks.

Schneider Speaks about Shadow Economy at CASE Seminar

Friedrich Schneider, a world renowned expert on shadow economy and a Professor of Economics at the Johannes Kepler University in Linz, presented his latest papers at a CASE seminar on March 19th held at the University of Warsaw Economics Department.

In his first presentation "Shadow economy, tax morale, governance and institutional quality all over the world," Schneider showed that shadow economies are generally smaller in countries with high per capita incomes. He explained that shadow economies are greater in countries with a high number of government interventions in the economy.



In his second presentation, Schneider discussed corruption and the "private benefits" that occur when a large portion of the economy is unregistered. The Austrian professor is taking part in one of CASE's newest projects which is trying to measure Poland's shadow economy in terms of its size, characteristics and social consequences. So far, experts have found that Poland has one of the highest rates of unregistered workers in Europe. You can find more information about the project [here](#).

PEOPLE

CASE Advisory Council Member appointed Chief Economist at IMF

Please join us in congratulating Simon Johnson, a member of the CASE Advisory Council, on his recent appointment to the role of Chief Economist at the International Monetary Fund. Mr. Johnson has been on the CASE Advisory Council since April 2004. Currently, he is a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Upon nominating him to the position, Mr. Rodrigo de Rato, Managing Director of the IMF, stated, "Simon Johnson is a recognized leader in original economic research relevant to the Fund. He has a proven ability to conceptualize a strong policy-oriented agenda, with an enduring interest in global economic policy issues and a substantial level of expertise relevant to developing, emerging market, and advanced economies."



We are pleased that Mr. Johnson will continue to bring valuable insight and experience to CASE through his advisory role.



Dr. Marek Dąbrowski expands CASE activity to Middle East

CASE is expanding its activities to a new area of the world through Dr. Marek Dąbrowski's advisory work to the governments of Egypt and Syria.

In Egypt, Dr. Dąbrowski has been participating in a capacity building project for the Information and Decision Support Center, a think-tank made up of cabinet ministers, in developing its policy research and advisory potential. In December, Dr. Dąbrowski gave a presentation at a roundtable in Damascus which analyzed the similarities and differences between "Arab socialism" and Soviet-type socialism and implications for a strategy of economic reforms.



More details:
http://www.case.com.pl/strona--ID-projekty_wg_kraju,nlang-710.html

Scholar in the Spotlight



Ainura Uzagalieva

Dr. Ainura Uzagalieva is one of the newest members of CASE staff. She received her PhD and Master's degrees from CERGE-EI Charles University in Prague, after studying at Saitama University in Japan and Kyrgyz State University.

In addition to multiple teaching assistant positions, she has worked for KPMG Consulting, LLC on a USAID fiscal reform project, and at the Kyrgyz National Bank, where her work included research on hedging strategies on credit, sovereign and market risks, and foreign exchange operations. Her primary research interests include economics of innovations, applied econometrics and monetary economics.

She is currently the CASE team coordinator for the MICRO-DYN project, a project within the Sixth Framework Research Project which explores issues of competitiveness in Europe's knowledge-based economy.

Insider View

Dmytro

Boyarchuk is the new Executive Director of CASE Ukraine (as of November 2006). Here he tells us a bit about CASE Ukraine's progress and future goals.



Q: Can you tell us a little bit about CASE Ukraine and what you have worked on in recent years?

DB: The CASE Ukraine team has come a long way in the last few years. It developed from a small research organization to a recognizable, rapidly-growing think tank. Government officials, researchers and businessmen now regularly use our reports in day-to-day work.

Q: As executive director, what are your priorities for the Institute in the coming years?

DB: Working on European integration issues is one of our top priorities for the nearest future. The recent progress of Ukraine in this field has created a huge demand for analytical support from the government. Apart from qualitative analysis, policymakers often request numerical estimates which are using complex modeling tools. In general, this is a very interesting time to be conducting economic and social research in Ukraine and I hope that our center will continue to grow with increased demand for our products.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Europe after Enlargement [\[link\]](#)

This book, published by Cambridge University Press, is a collection of papers from CASE's previous international conference held in Warsaw in 2005. The book includes contributions from prominent economists and analysts from around the world who discuss the European Constitution, European finances and the Euro, the need to boost economic growth, competition in both new member states and Eastern countries, and the goal of forming a cooperative and productive relationship with countries on the European periphery. The book contains discussion on the EU's European Neighbourhood Policy and long-term economic integration in Eurasia.



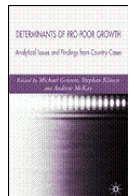
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Determinants of Pro-Poor Growth: Analytical Issues and Findings from Country Cases [\[link\]](#)

Pro-poor growth is considered central for achieving sustainable poverty reduction and the MDGs. This book analyzes determinants of pro-poor growth in eight countries, employing advanced research methods.

The chapter entitled, "Romania in Transition: Growth, Jobs and Poverty" was co-authored by CASE experts W.Paczynski, A.Radziwill, A.Sowa, I.Topinska and M.Walewski.



CASE Reports

No. 69 Regional Free Trade Agreements of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Analysis and Policy Recommendations

Malgorzata Jakubiak, Wojciech Paczynski, Nermin Oruč, Amir Hadžiomeračić
[\[link\]](#)

No. 68 Non-tariff barriers in Ukrainian Export to the EU

Malgorzata Jakubiak, Maryla Maliszewska, Irina Orlova, Magdalena Rokicka, Vitaly Vavryschuk
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Studies and Analyses

No. 337 The Political Economy of Growth and Governance

Paul Hare
[\[link\]](#)

No. 336 Regional versus Global Public goods: The Case of Post-Communist Transition

Marek Dabrowski, Artur Radziwill
[\[link\]](#)

No. 335 The Impact of Poland's EU Accession on its Economy

Ewa Balcerowicz
[\[link\]](#)

No. 334 Time Varying Cyclical Analysis for Economies in Transition

Andrew Hughes Hallett, Christian R. Richter
[\[link\]](#)

BRE-CASE

No. 88 Bułgaria i Rumunia w Unii Europejskiej. Szansa czy konkurencja dla Polski?

Bulgaria and Romania's EU entry: An Opportunity or a Challenge for Poland?
[\[link\]](#)

E-Papers

EMU Enlargement: A Progress Report

Marek Dabrowski
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