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## CALL FOR PAPERS

As we announced earlier, the Fourth World KLEMS Conference will be held on May 23-24 in Madrid, Spain. The meeting will take place at the Madrid offices of the BBVA Foundation, which are located in the central part of the city. Here is a link with more information about the BBVA Foundation:

<http://www.fbbva.es/TLFU/tlfu/ing/home/index.jsp>

The Fourth World KLEMS Conference will be followed on the afternoon of May 24 by the Conference on *The Future of the European Economy: An International Perspective*. This is intended for a broader audience and will be open to all World KLEMS Conference participants. Matilde Mas of the Valencian Institute of Economic Research (IVIE) in Valencia, Spain, and a leading participant in the EU KLEMS project, is in charge of local arrangements for the Madrid Conferences. Here is a link with information about IVIE:

<http://www.ivie.es/en/ivie/insti.php>

The Madrid World KLEMS Conference will include reports on recent progress in the development and applications of industry-level data sets on output, inputs of capital (K), labor (L), energy (E), materials (M), and services (S), and productivity or output per unit of input. These data are widely used in research on economic growth and structural change and in international comparisons based on industry-level purchasing power parities.

The Madrid World KLEMS Conference will devote special attention to KLEMS-type research in Europe, especially recent developments in countries included in the original EU KLEMS study and subsequent updates. The DG for Economic and Financial Affairs (ECFIN) of the European Commission has recently commissioned two full updates and revisions of the EU KLEMS data sets in 2016 and 2017. This will be carried out by Bart van Ark and his associates at The Conference Board, a non-profit research group based in New York and Brussels.

The original EU KLEMS study was completed on June 30, 2008, and provided industry-level data on the sources of growth for 25 of the 27 EU member countries. Two volumes have been published on the results:

Marcel P. Timmer, Robert Inklaar, Mary O'Mahony, and Bart van Ark, *ECONOMIC GROWTH IN EUROPE: A Comparative Industry Perspective*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Matilde Mas and Robert Stehrer, eds., *INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTIVITY IN EUROPE: Growth and Crisis*, Cheltenham, UK, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2012.

Updated data are available at: <http://www.euklems.net/>

Ten countries now publish KLEMS data sets annually as part of the official national accounts: Six countries in Europe -- Denmark, Finland, Italy, The Netherlands, Sweden, and the U.K., as well as Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. in North America, and Australia. Research has been completed and data sets have been published for more than forty countries. Current data sets for Argentina, Canada, China, India, Japan, Korea, Russia, and the U.S. are available on: <http://www.worldklems.net/data.htm> Research is planned or underway to develop datasets for an additional twenty countries around the world.

The Third World KLEMS Conference was organized by the Research Institute for Economy, Trade, and Industry and held in Tokyo in 2014. Here is a link to the program: <http://www.worldklems.net/conferences.htm> A volume of papers selected from the Tokyo Conference has been edited by the three of us. This will be published by the Cambridge University Press in early 2016 and is tentatively entitled *The World Economy: Growth or Stagnation?* The cover design and table of contents are appended to this message.

To submit a proposal for the Madrid World KLEMS Conference, please send an abstract (< 100 words), using the standard form used by economics journals, by e-mail to:

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The initial deadline is December 1, but we will continue to consider proposals until the program is complete.

Wherever possible, proposals should include a link to a current article-length version of the paper. Priority will be given to papers on the development and/or application of KLEMS data sets. However, the other topics discussed in Tokyo will also receive high priority. Authors of papers chosen for inclusion in the program will be notified by e-mail, beginning January 1, 2016.

Expenses for travel and accommodation for the Conference will be covered by each of the participants.

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Growth or Stagnation?

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