

The Faculty of Law, University of Catania, Italy, is pleased to announce a workshop entitled “Inside the Black Box of the Courts’ Decision-Making Process: Theory and Empirical Evidence”, to be held in Catania (Sicily) on Friday June 13 and Saturday June 14, 2008.

Objectives of the workshop. The aim of this meeting is to bring together economists and lawyers to discuss the problem of the courts’ functioning and efficiency. Theoretical papers, as well as econometric studies of justice systems and judicial decision-making, are welcome.

Topics. The program committee encourages submissions of analyses regarding:

- a) efficiency of the justice service;
- b) methods of enrolment of judges and their spill-over on efficiency of the courts;
- c) economic analyses of the career system of judges in connection with their productivity;
- d) proposals for reforms of the legal system
- e) organization of the courts;
- f) comparative analyses of courts in different countries with unlike legal systems.

Dates for the workshop:

Submission deadline: March 1, 2008

Notification of acceptance: April 1, 2008

Registration deadline: May 1, 2008 (presenters of accepted papers should register by this date, to see their paper enclosed in the final version of the workshop program).

Attendance and Fees:

The Conference fees of € 150 will cover meals (one dinner, two lunches, all coffee-breaks, and a social event on the Saturday afternoon) and printed material.

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Further details about the conference (travel information, social events, sponsors, etc.) will be available at a later date at <http://www.lex.unict.it/laweconwork/>

Please circulate this call for papers among your colleagues.