



TENTH CONFERENCE ON
**MODEL-BASED EVIDENCE ON INNOVATION
AND DEVELOPMENT (MEIDE)**

NOVEMBER 16-17, 2017, MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

The Maastricht Economic and Social Research and Training Centre on Innovation and Technology (UNU-MERIT, United Nations University), the Inter-American Development Bank, the CINVE (Centro de Investigaciones Económicas, Uruguay), the Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Administración, Universidad de la República and the Facultad de Administración y Ciencias Sociales, Universidad ORT Uruguay, announce that the 10th Conference on Model-based Evidence on Innovation and DEvlopment (MEIDE) will be held on November 16-17, 2017 in Montevideo, Uruguay.

The aim of the conference is to bring together researchers from around the world to discuss various aspects of innovation and its relation to economic development. Priority will be given to empirical papers, but there is also room for methodological and theoretical papers, as well as for case studies, as long as they address the issue of innovation and development. Innovation is to be understood broadly as any kind of innovation in what firms, households, communities and governments do, or in the way they operate. It also includes knowledge creation, diffusion, measurement and evaluation issues. Development comprises growth but also welfare, poverty alleviation, environmental concerns and fairness in the distribution of wealth/income. Since last year, we have enlarged the scope of the conference to include papers based on macro or industry data.

This year a few sessions will be devoted to the theme “Obstacles to Innovation” in collaboration with a project lead by the Inter-American Development Bank and implemented with Red Sur.

Examples of topics that could be covered:

- Innovation, productivity and firm performance
- Innovation, education, health, human capital, and social capital
- Innovation in universities and public institutions
- Technology adoption and diffusion
- Innovation and employment
- Innovation and internationalization
- Entrepreneurship and innovation
- Innovation and the role of financial institutions
- Financial innovations
- Innovation and international trade
- International comparisons of innovation performance
- Effectiveness of innovation policies
- Innovation metrics
- Non-technological innovation
- Demand-led innovations and innovation policies
- Innovation in the services sector

- Innovation in the natural resources sector

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Submission: Researchers are invited to submit their paper by **July 15, 2017**. Extended abstracts and incomplete papers are accepted for submission, but preference will be given to full papers. Please submit by clicking on “submit your paper” on the website <http://www.merit.unu.edu/MEIDE/>. Notifications of acceptance will be given no later than August 15, 2017. All accepted participants will receive an official invitation letter to apply for a visa to enter Uruguay. To minimize administrative burdens there will be no registration fees, but every participant will be responsible for his/her own travel and hotel costs.

Important dates

Submission deadline: July 15, 2017

Notification of acceptance: August 15, 2017

MEIDE 10th conference: November 16-17, 2017

Practical information

A visa may be required for some of the participants.

For further information:

Detailed information and updates will be available at: <http://www.merit.unu.edu/MEIDE/>