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GIORGIO ROTA

BEST PAPER AWARD FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS

3rd edition

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Centro Einaudi launches the 3rd annual *GIORGIO ROTA Best Paper Award*, which is established to honour the memory of Giorgio Rota, a leading Italian economist born in Turin, who was in charge of economic research at the Centro Einaudi for many years.

The Centro Einaudi is an independent non-profit institute based in Turin. Its mission is to conduct independent research, providing policy recommendations in the fields of political economy, welfare policies, government and market competition.

Since 1963, the Centro Einaudi has been a beacon of liberalism and one of the most influential Italian think-tanks. Many of its members hold prominent positions in academia, government, journalism and business.

Young researchers are invited to participate to the 3rd GIORGIO ROTA Best Paper Award by submitting high-quality scientific papers (a maximum of two papers per candidate) presenting original research on the following subject:

The economics of illegal activities and corruption

The third edition of the prize in the memory of the illustrious economist Giorgio Rota aims at stimulating scientific reflection and debate on the relationship between economy and illegality with a specific focus on the economic costs and impacts of illegal behaviours in both governments and organisations. More specifically, this edition of the prize seeks for contributes investigating the main features (structure, extent, dynamics), the economic effects (direct and indirect costs) and the policy implications of underground, illegal and criminal markets.

Topics of interest thus include, but are not limited to:

- shadow economies and black markets
- the organisation of informal and parallel economies
- the economics of corruption and tax evasion
- size and trends of illegal markets
- social and economic impacts of mafias and other criminal organisations
- criminal finance and money laundering
- offshore financial centers and tax havens
- prison overcrowding and the inefficiencies of the criminal justice system
- practices of illegal land use and construction



The authors of the three best papers will be awarded a prize of 1200 Euros (gross) per paper and they will be invited to present their work at the **Giorgio Rota Conference** that will be organised on **June 2015 in Turin**. The workshop date and programme will be published on the Centro Einaudi website (www.centroeinaudi.it).

Participation to the conference is mandatory in order to be awarded the prize. The Centro Einaudi will also refund up to a maximum of 500 Euros for travel expenses to Turin (one author for each paper).

Only high quality articles providing original insights with respect to the existing literature will be considered. An award committee will select the papers on the basis of the following evaluation criteria: 1) relevance to the topic; 2) literature review; 3) quality of the methods and the data; 4) originality of the data and the conclusions; 5) understandability. All decisions of the committee are final. Reviewed and formatted versions of the award-winning papers will be then provided by the winners to be published in *Quaderni del Premio "Giorgio Rota"*, an ISBN e-book serie of the Centro Einaudi.

The *GIORGIO ROTA Best Paper Award* is open to researchers **born after December 31st, 1977**, who have obtained a university graduate qualification (BA, MA or PhD) in the fields of economics, geography, sociology, political science or other social sciences.

In order to participate to the prize, the corresponding author of each paper should submit **by April 6th, 2015** an email to applications-GR@centroeinaudi.it with the following documents:

- A signed copy of the *GIORGIO ROTA Best Paper Award* [application form](#)
- The scientific paper in electronic format (up to two papers per participant);
- A copy of the document proving the obtained university graduate qualification;
- A copy of an identification document indicating the date of birth;
- A C.V. (either in English or Italian) in Europass format.

Co-authored papers are acceptable on condition that all the authors fulfil the eligibility criteria of the prize and declare – in a document attached to the application form – that they are informed of the award procedure.



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Submitted papers need to fulfil the following criteria:

- To be unpublished at the date of the Conference (**June 2015**);
- Not to be under copyright of third parties;
- To be written in English or Italian;
- To be saved in a single file (.doc , .docx or .pdf format);
- Not to exceed 8.000 words (titles, footnotes, figures and tables included);
- To include an abstract of 150-300 words, in English or Italian;
- To include 3-5 key words.

The selected papers will be announced by May 6th, 2015.

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