Celebration of CERMi’s 5th Birthday

March 18, 2013

Université libre de Bruxelles - ULB
Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management – SBS-EM
42 Av. F.D. Roosevelt, 1050 Brussels (Belgium)

First Part: CERMi Research Day: 10.30 am - 4.20 pm
Seminar Room R42.2.107

► 10.30 am – 10.50 am: Arrival of all participants (+ coffee)
► 10.50 am – 11.00 am: Welcoming speech by Marek Hudon

11.00am – 12.45pm: Chairperson: Ariane Szafarz

► 11.00 am: Isabelle Guérin (University Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne & IRD, FR), "Households’ over-indebtedness and the fallacy of financial education: insights from economic anthropology". Discussant: Katarzyna Cieslik (ULB, BE)

► 11.40am: Niels Hermes (Groningen University, NL), "Board composition and outreach performance of microfinance institutions: Evidence from East Africa" (co-authors: Neema Mori, Sugand Golesorkhi, and Trond Randøy, Agder University, NO). Discussant: Marcella Corsi (Sapienza University of Rome, IT)

► 12.20pm: Simon Cornée (CREM, CNRS & University Rennes 1, FR), "Long-term relationships, group lending and peer sanctioning in microfinance: New experimental evidence" (co-author: David Masclet, University Rennes 1, FR). Discussant: Luminita Postelnicu (ULB, BE)

13.00pm – 2.30pm: Lunch
2.30pm – 4.30pm: Chairperson: Marc Labie

► 2.30pm: Ranjula Bali Swain (Uppsala University, SE), "Evaluating the impact of training in a national microfinance program: Self-help groups in India" (co-author: Adel Varghese, Texas A & M University, US). Discussant: Supriya Garikipati (University of Liverpool, UK)

► 3.10pm: Carolina Laureti (UMONS and ULB, BE), "The Time-Inconsistency Factor: How Banks Adapt to their Mix of Savers" (co-author: Ariane Szafarz, ULB, BE).
Discussant: Anastasia Cozarenco (Université d’Aix-Marseille, FR, and visiting research fellow, ULB, BE)

► 3.50pm: Gregor Dorfleitner (University of Regensburg, DE), "Explaining defaults of microfinance institutions" (co-authors: Michaela Leidla and Christopher Priberny, University of Regensburg, DE).
Discussant: Bert D’Espallier (HUB, BE)

4.30pm – 5.20pm: Coffee break

Second Part: Celebration Conference: 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Auditorium R42.5.503

► 5.30 pm: Welcome Address

► 5.40 pm: Conference by Jonathan Morduch (New York University, US; ULB Doctor Honoris Causa), "How microfinance really works: Lessons from new research".

► 6.20 pm: Conference by Vijay Mahajan (CEO, BASIX; Chairman of Executive Committee, CGAP), "Research in microfinance: The practitioner’s perspective".

► 7.00 pm: Marek Hudon, Marc Labie, and Ariane Szafarz (CERMi Co-Directors), "CERMi: Past, present, and future".

7.30pm – 8.30pm: Cocktail Atrium of R42 Building