Dear reader,

This is to announce a combined Conference and Summer School on Transport that will take place at the University of Urbino, Italy, on July 9 – 11 (summer school) and July 12 – 13 (conference), both in 2007. Details can be found on the following web site: http://www.econ.uniurb.it/kuhmonectar2007.

In brief, the summer school on "Urban Transport: Networks and Spatial Interactions" will cover the following themes: Economic theory of transportation; Modelling urban transport demand and supply; Theory of first best and second best; Static and dynamic network models; Industrial organization, imperfect competition and regulation in urban transport; Urban transport and land use; and Applied modeling. Faculty include (in alphabetical order): Alex Anas; Simon Anderson; Richard Arnott; Jan Brueckner; André de Palma; and Kenneth Small.

The conference will focus on "Pricing, Financing, Regulating Transport Infrastructures and Services". Papers are therefore invited that may cover themes such as:

- Pricing: congestion pricing, parking fees, user pays principle
- Financing: earmarking, road funds, self financing
- Freight: intermodal transportation and competition, railway and sea regulation, intermodal infrastructure investments and facility management, city logistics
- Investment: appraisal process, evaluation methodology, criteria for decision-making
- Procurement for capacity and service provision and maintenance: life cycle model, PPP (Public-Private-Partnership), privatization, service contracts regulation
- Mode specific issues: market power in rail transport and aviation, vertical integration versus unbundling for rail, role of low cost carriers and small airports.

Theoretical, applied and policy-oriented papers on the above-mentioned topics are invited.

Best regards,

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