

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:
“Open Source, Innovation, and New Organizational Forms”
Monday, August 1, 2011**

Abstract Deadline: Friday, June 24, 2011

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Website: www.ipeg.org.za

Venue: [Wits Professional Development Hub, Johannesburg, South Africa](#)

This first IPEG conference intends to explore new theoretical and empirical advances in open source organization: the interest is not just on voluntary Open Source Software production and its potential innovation implications, but also on such related “open source” phenomena as collective invention, online collaboration (e.g., Wikipedia), online social networking (e.g., Facebook), open innovation, open science, open source biology, and open standards.

The list of confirmed international speakers is:

- [Marcel Bogers](#), University of Southern Denmark, Sønderborg, Denmark
- [Sebastian v. Engelhardt](#), Friedrich-Schiller-University, Jena, Germany
- [Richard N. Langlois](#), University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA
- [Alessandro Rossi](#), University of Trento, Trento, Italy
- [Joel West](#), Keck Graduate Institute, Claremont, USA

The conference welcomes contributions not just from economics and the business sciences, but also from, e.g., engineering and law, as well as interdisciplinary approaches. Moreover, it welcomes contributions dealing with normative issues (e.g., public policy towards different software standards).

Both senior and junior scholars are invited to participate to the conference by submitting an abstract. Topics of interest include:

- Developing and Transition Economies, and “Openness”
- Distributed Knowledge and Intellectual Property
- Division of Labour and Modular Production
- Entrepreneurship and Open and Disruptive Innovation
- New Economy, Dynamic Capabilities, and Organization
- Open Content, Attention, and Signalling
- Order, Organization, and Open Source Production
- Public Policy, Strategic Openness, and Competitive Advantage

Abstract Submission

Scholars who intend to present their research at the conference must submit a 500 word-maximum abstract (in PDF, RTF or Word) by Friday, June 24, 2011, to the following email: Giampaolo.Garzarelli@Wits.ac.za. All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by two independent reviewers. The reviewers will evaluate the originality, scholarly quality, and congruence of the abstract with the theme of the conference. The decision on the abstract will be given on Friday, July 1, 2011, but no feedback will be given in addition to the decision. Scholars of accepted abstracts may be assigned also as discussants and session chairs. Payment of the conference fee by July 11, 2011, is a necessary condition for scholars of accepted abstracts to be part of the conference programme. Acceptance of an abstract grants IPEG permission to upload it on its website and to include it in conference material.

Conference Registration

IPEG's website, www.ipeg.org.za, will have information about conference registration before July 1, 2011.

- Early-bird registration, July 1-7, 2011: South African Rands (R) 1000
- Registration, July 8-11, 2011: R1250
- PhD student registration: R600 (July 1-7, 2011); R800 (July 8-11, 2011)
- Registration for non-presenters: R1250

The registration fee includes coffee breaks, lunch, and a social dinner.

Timeline

- Deadline for abstract submission: Friday, June 24, 2011 (14h00 GMT)
- Decision of abstract acceptance: Friday, July 1, 2011
- Early-bird registration: July 1-7, 2011
- Deadline for conference registration: Monday, July 11, 2011
- Final programme available: July 26, 2011

Scientific Committee

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