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Dear AEA members and friends!

Some of the topics highlighted in this issue are:

- Update on 2017 AEA conference
- Member News
- New Research on Armenia
- New Data on Armenia
- Calls for Papers
- Grants and Awards

Please let us know about topics of interest to you for inclusion in our newsletter and how we can further engage you in featuring your research and research activities.

You can always email us at membership.aea@gmail.com or aea@aea.am, and contact us at <http://www.aea.am/contactus.html> or reach out via our [Facebook page](#).

We are looking forward to our annual meeting in Yerevan this coming summer!

AEA and Member News

Update on 2017 AEA Conference

The 2017 Armenian Economic Association annual meetings will be jointly hosted by the faculty of Economics and Management and the faculty of Mathematics and Mechanics at Yerevan State University (YSU), and the American University of Armenia (AUA) on June 23-25. The keynote speakers are Xavier Raurich (University of Barcelona) and Randall Filer (Hunter College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York).

The submission deadline for the 2017 Armenian Economic Association annual meetings has been extended to April 30, 2017. We have received a number of excellent submissions both from local and foreign researchers. The list of accepted papers is now available on our website and will be updated regularly as the selection committee continues to review the submissions.

If you are planning to attend the meetings and willing to volunteer your time to conduct a workshop on a topic of your choosing on Monday, June 26, please let us know.

Please note, **Armenian Journal of Economics** is still accepting papers for Volume 2. Please follow instructions for authors ([here](#)) if you would like to submit your paper for consideration of publication in **ArmJE**.

In this section, we are happy to share the highlights of recent research, teaching, and service accomplishments of some of our members. Please send us your updates!

- A number of AEA members and friends participated in [ASSA meetings in Chicago](#) in various capacities:
 - **Gnel Gabrielyan** presented his joint paper with Andrew Hanks and Adam Brumberg "Analyzing the Sustainability of the Impact of New USDA School Meal Guidelines on Fruit and Vegetable Selection

- and Consumption in School Cafeterias” ([session info](#))
 - **Aleksandr V. Gevorkyan** participated in a poster session with his paper “Emerging Markets and Exchange Market Pressures: Analysis Across Primary Commodity Groups” ([session info](#))
 - **David Gomtsyan** participated in a poster session with his paper “Rise of the Machines: Evidence from the Container Revolution” and was featured in a [video](#) on American Economic Association website. ([session info](#))
 - **Shushanik Hakobyan** presented her joint paper with John McLaren “NAFTA and Gender Wage Gap” ([session info](#))
 - **Armen Hovakimian** was a discussant in a session on Capital Structure ([session info](#))
 - **Tatevik Sekhposyan** presented her joint paper with Barbara Rossi “Understanding the Sources of Macroeconomic Uncertainty” ([session info](#))
- We are also happy to share with you information about some of the major publications of some of the AEA members (**we encourage you to submit your information**). The goal here is to establish a registry of publications across various fields for easy reference by other Armenian economists. Here are few examples that we’ve managed putting together; by no means this is an exclusive list:
 - **Aleksanyan, Lilia** and Jean-Pierre Huiban (2016). [Economic and financial determinants of firm bankruptcy: evidence from the French food industry](#), *Review of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Studies* 97(2): 89-108 [**presented at the AEA 2014 annual meeting**]
 - **Asriyan, Vladimir**, William Fuchs and Brett Green (forthcoming). [Information Spillovers in Asset Markets with Correlated Values](#), *American Economic Review*
 - **Hakobyan, Shushanik** (forthcoming). [Export Competitiveness of Developing Countries and U.S. Trade Policy](#), *The World Economy*
 - Kaspereit, Thomas, Kerstin Lopatta, **Suren Pakhchanyan**, and Jörg Prokop (2017). Systemic operational risk: spillover effects of large operational losses in the European banking industry. *The Journal of Risk Finance* 18(3) [**presented at the AEA 2016 annual meeting**]

New Research on Armenia

Below is a selection of recent papers on various topics within the broader theme of Armenia’s economy and social development (please feel free to reach out with any updates):

Gevorkyan, Aleksandr V. (forthcoming). The foreign exchange regime in a small open economy: Armenia and beyond. *Journal of Economic Studies*, Vol. 44(5).

Lietaert, Ine (2016). [Perspectives on return migration: A multi-sited, longitudinal study on the return processes of Armenian and Georgian migrants](#) (Doctoral dissertation). Ghent University, Gent.

Lietaert, Ine, Eric Broekaert, and Ilse Derluyn (2017). “Time heals? A multi-sited longitudinal case study on the lived experiences of returnees in Armenia,” in *Return Migration and Psychosocial Wellbeing: Discourses, Policy-Making and Outcomes for Migrants and their Families*, eds. Zana Vathi and Russell King, Routledge.

Lietaert, Ine, Eric Broekaert, and Ilse Derluyn (2016). [The boundaries of transnationalism: the case of assisted voluntary return migrants](#). Global Networks. doi:10.1111/glob.12141

Mikaelian, Hrant (2016). *Shadow Economy in Armenia*. Yerevan: Caucasus Institute. (in Russian)

Norkus, Zenonas (2017). [A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Patterns in the Acceleration and the Catching Up Performance of the Former Soviet Union Republics](#). *Comparative Sociology* 16(1): 39-65.

Postolovska, Iryna, Rouselle F. Lavado, Gillian Tarr, and Stephane Verguet (2017). [Estimating the distributional impact of increasing taxes on tobacco products in Armenia : results from an extended cost-effectiveness analysis](#). Washington, D.C.: World Bank Group.

Sedrakyan, Gohar, and Laura Varela-Candamio (2017). [The Impact of Public Expenditures on Economic Growth in Two Very Different Countries: A comparative Analysis of Armenia and Spain](#), International Center for Public Policy, Working Paper 17-02

New Data on Armenia and Transition Economies

Some of the significant data updates on Armenia and transition economies include:

- 2011 Armenian [Census](#).
- The Enterprise Surveys team at the World Bank has released updated productivity estimates based on face-to-face interviews with top managers and business owners of over 122,000 firms in 124 economies. Total factor productivity (TFP) of manufacturing firms is estimated using an improved methodology that provides more robust estimates. The updated database with firm-level estimates of productivity, along with the firm-level survey datasets, is available on the data [portal](#).
- New data tool [e-Trade for All](#) to assess the e-trade environment of countries was developed jointly by UNCTAD and the World Bank Group. It contains over 30 indicators grouped in the following pillars of the e-commerce environment: ICT Infrastructure and Services, Payment Solutions, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation, E-Commerce Skills Development, Legal and Regulatory Frameworks, Access to Finance, and E-Commerce Readiness Assessment and Strategy Formulation.

Calls for Papers

[Nineteenth Annual Conference of the European Trade Study Group](#), Florence, Italy, September 10-12, 2017

Deadline: April 28, 2017

[Rethinking Competitiveness, Structural Reforms, and Macro Policy](#), Bank of Italy, Rome, Italy, October 5-6, 2017

Deadline: April 30, 2017

[Implementation of Structural Dynamic Models: Methodology and Applications](#), London, UK, August 29-30, 2017

Deadline: April 30, 2017

[Shadow Banking: Financial Intermediation beyond Banks](#), Helsinki, Finland, September 14-15, 2017

Deadline: April 30, 2017

[Junior economist workshop on migration research](#), Ifo Institute, Munich, Germany, June 16-17, 2017

Deadline: April 30, 2017

[84th International Atlantic Economic Conference](#), Montréal, Canada, October 5-8, 2017

Deadline: 30 April 2017

[2017 Annual Conference on Taxation](#), Philadelphia, PA, USA, November 9-11, 2017

Deadline: May 1, 2017

[Conference on Global Production](#), National University of Singapore, December 6-8, 2017

Deadline: May 1, 2017

[The Society for Economic Measurement \(SEM\) Fourth Conference](#), Cambridge, MA, USA, July 26-28, 2017

Deadline: May 1, 2017

[Tracking International Aid and Investment from Developing and Emerging Economies](#), Heidelberg University, Germany, September 22-23, 2017

Deadline: May 1, 2017

[Joint ECB-Banca d'Italia conference on The Digital Transformation of the Retail Payments Ecosystem](#), November 30 - December 1, 2017, Rome, Italy

Deadline: May 1, 2017

[Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network \(PEGNet\) Conference 2017](#) on Understanding national inequalities and how to address them, Zürich, Switzerland, September, 11-12 2017

Deadline: May 1, 2017

[6th European Conference on Corporate R&D and Innovation](#), Seville, Spain, September 27-29, 2017

Deadline: May 9, 2017

[XV Annual ELSNIT Conference](#), London, UK, October 21-22, 2017

Deadline: May 15, 2017

[3rd Oxford - Federal Reserve Bank of New York Monetary Economics Conference](#), Oxford, UK, September 28-29, 2017

Deadline: May 15, 2017

[ECB workshop on Monetary policy in non-standard times](#), Frankfurt am Main, Germany, September 11-12, 2017

Deadline: May 15, 2017

[Fragmentation of International Trade and Finance and Risks from Rising Protectionism](#), Bank of England, London, UK, October 19-20, 2017

Deadline: May 15, 2017

[Workshop on Housing and Household Finance](#), Norges Bank, Oslo, Norway, August 28-29, 2017

Deadline: May 15, 2017

[13th IZA Conference: Labor Market Policy Evaluation](#), Bonn, Germany, October 5-6, 2017

Deadline: May 15, 2017

[IZA Workshop: Labor and Development](#), Bonn, Germany, October 9-10, 2017

Deadline: May 28, 2017

[5th IZA Workshop on Environment and Labor Markets](#), Bonn, Germany, August 31 - September 1, 2017

Deadline: May 28, 2017

[IZA Workshop on Health and Labor Markets](#), Bonn, Germany, November 3-4, 2017

Deadline: May 29, 2017

[2nd IZA Workshop: The Economics of Education](#), Bonn, Germany, September 25-27, 2017

Deadline: May 31, 2017

[Understanding inflation: lessons from the past, lessons for the future?](#), Frankfurt am Main, Germany, September 21-22, 2017

Deadline: May 31, 2017

[20th Annual Research Conference "Fiscal and Monetary Policy in a changing Economic and Political Environment"](#), De Nederlandsche Bank, Amsterdam, Netherlands, October 9-10, 2017

Deadline: May 31, 2017

[IMF Eighteenth Jacques Polak Annual Research Conference: The Global Financial Cycle](#), Washington, DC, USA, November 2-3, 2017

Deadline: June 1, 2017

[8th International Conference on "Economics of Global Interactions: New Perspectives On Trade, Factor Mobility And Development"](#), Bari, Italy, September 11-12, 2017

Deadline: June 5, 2017

[Sardinian Empirical Trade Conference](#), Cagliari, Italy, September 7-9, 2017

Deadline: June 17, 2017

[Workshop on economic analysis of environmental food policies](#), Toulouse, France, November 16-17, 2017

Deadline: June 18, 2017

[Workshop on Growth, Stagnation and Inequality](#), Bank of England, London, UK, October 3-4, 2017

Deadline: June 30, 2017

[IZA/Volkswagen Foundation Workshop: Preferences, Personality Traits and the Labor Market](#), University of Bologna, Bertinoro, Italy, October 6-7, 2017

Deadline: July 1, 2017

[ADBI-IDB-WTO Conference on Trade Adjustment](#), Tokyo, Japan, November 16-17, 2017

Deadline: July 15, 2017

[7th IWH/INFER Workshop on Challenges and Implications of Inflationary Dynamics](#), Halle, Germany, September 7-8, 2017

Deadline: July 15, 2017

[Jean Paelinck Seminar of Spatial Econometrics](#), Dijon, France, October 23-24, 2017

Deadline: July 20, 2017

[ECB workshop on money markets, monetary policy implementation and central bank balance sheets](#), Frankfurt am Main, Germany, November 6-7, 2017

Deadline: July 31, 2017

[Big data, machine learning and the macroeconomy](#), Norges Bank, Oslo, Norway, October 2-3, 2017

Deadline: July 31, 2017

[11th Annual Conference on the Political Economy of International Organizations](#), Madison, WI, USA, February 8-10, 2018

Deadline: September 30, 2017

Grants and Awards

[Pierangelo Garegnani Research Prize 2017](#): A Prize in memory of Pierangelo Garegnani of the amount of €3,000 (before tax), aimed at young scholars who are engaged or plan to engage in research in economic analysis along the lines of the work of Pierangelo Garegnani. The Prize is awarded to researchers in the field of Economics who are attending a PhD course, or have defended since 2013 their PhD thesis, in Italian or foreign universities.

Deadline: May 31, 2017

[2017 WTO Essay Award for Young Economists](#): The award (of CHF 5,000) aims to promote high-quality research on trade policy and international trade cooperation.

Deadline: June 2, 2017

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