

IACFS 2022 Conference's Program

Fiscal federalism and territorial inequalities

Bilbao / 27-29 October

Bizkaia Aretoa (UPV/EHU) - Abandoibarra avenue, 3

THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER - DAY 1

08:30 Welcome and registration

09:00 Opening ceremony

- Francesco Palermo (President of the IACFS)
- Joseba Agirreazkuenaga (Director of Ituna Center)
- Gemma Martínez (Deputy Director for advising and tax policy of the Provincial Government of Bizkaia)

09:20 Session 1 – Fiscal Federalism, crises and financial imbalances (Oteiza Auditorium)

- Covid 19 and Fiscal Stress: An Analysis of States' Finances in India - Ajay Kumar Singh (Centre for Federal Studies, Public Policy & Governance)
- Nigeria and the Practice of Federalism in the Post-Covid-19 Period - Dele Babalola (Canterbury Christ Church University)
- Australian Fiscal Federalism From the GFC to COVID-19 - Alan Fenna & John Phillimore (The John Curtin Institute of Public Policy)
- Borrowing to Compete: New Directions in Australian Fiscal Federalism in the Post-Pandemic Context - Tracy Beck Fenwick (Australian Centre for Federalism)
- Discussion

11:00-11:20 Coffee Break

- Long Covid in Public Finance? Lessons from the Covid-19 Pandemic in Germany - Christian Bender & Fabio Botta (Institut für öffentliche Finanzen und Public Management)
- Large Scale But Temporary: How the Federal Government's Responses to the Great Recession and COVID-19 (Mostly) Maintained Continuity in American

Federalism - John Kincaid (Lafayette College) & J. Wesley Leckrone (Widener University).

- Present and future of the decentralisation system in Spain: subnational public finances and interterritorial inequalities - Mikel Erkoreka (Ituna Center), Mario Kölling (UNED / Fundación Manuel Giménez Abad) & Mireia Grau (Institute d'Estudis de l'Autogovern)
- Fiscal decentralization after systemic crises: an analysis of the Brazilian experience - Silvana Gomes (Institute for Applied Economic Research)
- Discussion

15:00 Session 2 – Fiscal Federalism, a tale on diversity (Oteiza Auditorium)

- Fiscal autonomy in multilevel governance: tracing effects on legitimacy and stability - Maja Sahadžić (University of Antwerp)
- Update on Comparative Subnational Constitutional Law - Robert Williams (Center for State Constitutional Studies)
- State constitutions in the American federal republic - Brian Phillips Murphy & Nicholas Cole (Center for State Constitutional Studies & Quill Project, Pembroke College)
- Discussion

16:20-16:40 Coffee Break

- The Italian Constitutional Court decisions and state-regions conflicts in the 'pendulum of regionalism': a discontinuity design approach - Andrea Filippetti (Institute for the Study of Regionalism, Federalism and Self-Government)
- Unequal permanent austerity and the distribution of power in the Canadian federation - Olivier Jacques (CREQC-CAPCF)
- Legitimate Representation of Constituent Peoples – from Constitutional Principle to Attempts of its Electoral Denial - Milan Sitarski & Dražen Barbarić (Institute for Social and Political Research Mostar)
- Discussion

18:00 End of the Session 2

FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER - DAY 2

10:00 Executive Committee Meeting

11:00 Directors' Meeting

12:40 Ronald Watts Young Researcher Award ceremony

- Borui Song (The Australian National University)

15:00 Session 3 – Fiscal equalization, intergovernmental transfers and regional disparities (Baroja Auditorium)

- Opening:
 - Itziar Agirre (Vice-minister of Treasury of the Basque Government)
- An overview of fiscal equalization - Andoni Montes, Jon Garro & Xabier Murua (Ituna Center / UPV/EHU)
- Paving the way to a successful equalization: does subnational participation matters? – Alice Valdesalici & Francisco Romero (Institute for Comparative Federalism - Eurac Research)
- Confronting territorial inequality among South African provinces and municipalities: the limits of fiscal equalisation systems - Nico Steytler, Jaap de Visser & Tinashe Chigwata (Dullah Omar Institute)
- Intergovernmental fiscal transfers, Regional States' fiscal capacity and the fight against COVID19 pandemic in Ethiopia - Ketema Wakjira Debela (Center for Federalism and Governance Studies)
- Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations during the COVID 19 Pandemic in Germany: Was the new fiscal equalization scheme able to hamper financial dislocations? - Gisela Färber (Deutsches Forschungsinstitut für öffentliche Verwaltung)
- The Fiscal Equivalence Trap - Don't Decide, Don't Pay - Eva Maria Belser (Institute of Federalism)
- Discussion

17:00-17:20 Coffee Break

- The Federal Equalization Program as a Controversial and Contested Policy Success - Daniel Béland, André Lecours & Trevor Tombe (Center of Governance at the University of Ottawa)
- Interpersonal and Interregional Redistribution in the Canadian Federation - Alain Noël (Université de Montréal)
- The Power of the Weak? Fiscal Redistribution Negotiations in Canada and the EU - Kinga Koranyi (Jacques Delors Centre)
- Territorial disparities, horizontal imbalances and fiscal federalism in Argentina. New evidences - Miguel Ángel Asensio, Florencia Martino & Pamela Jesica Fadul (UNL-IFANDCSC)
- Fiscal Federalism and Territorial Inequalities: India's Experience - Govinda Bhattacharjee (Centre for Multilevel Federalism)
- Discussion

19:00 Closing ceremony

- Mikel Erkoreka (Ituna Center)