

The Office of the Executive Director, EDs 21

invites you to attend

***Competitiveness and International Integration of Italian Firms:
An Assessment after the Great Recession***

DATE: Wednesday, October 30, 2013

TIME: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

VENUE: MC 13-121

Presenters

Prof. Pasquale Lelio Iapadre (University of L'Aquila), Chief Trade Economist of CER
Stefano Fantacone, Director of CER

Chair

Piero Cipollone, Executive Director EDs 21, World Bank

Discussant

Donato De Rosa, Senior Economist, Financial and Private Sector Development, World Bank

Description: After five years of recession, the Italian economy needs to restore competitiveness and increase its share in international trade. CER Report shows that the Italian productive sector has not been evolving in the direction demanded by global competition and the many reasons behind this weak performance. Policies to bring Italy back into a path of sound growth are also taken into consideration.

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Presenter's Bio:

Pasquale Lelio Iapadre is Associate Professor of Economics at the University of L'Aquila and Associate Research Fellow at the United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS), Bruges. He is chief trade economist at CER and cooperates with the Italian Trade Agency and the Bank of Italy (L'Aquila branch). He has taught at the University of Rome "Sapienza" and at the Johns Hopkins University, SAIS Bologna Center. He has done consultancy and research work for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Trade, for Istat, the Bangladesh Institute for Development Studies and several international institutions, including the European Commission, OECD, UNCTAD, UNIDO, and the World Bank Institute.

Stefano Fantacone is the Director of CER (Centro Europa Ricerche). He ensures the quality and independence of the institute's works by organizing the research activity and being responsible for clients relations. As an expert of quantitative evaluation of public policies, he has published many works, including articles, research papers, book chapters in the field of the analysis of public finance, international economics and the European Monetary System. He is a consultant to national trade unions and to several domestic institutions including the United Chambers of the Court of Auditors (Corte dei Conti) and the Lazio Regional Agency for Industrial Policy.

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Light lunch will be served (courtesy of CER)

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Please note that seating is limited.

Registration is on a first-come first-served basis.