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Young Economist Award

An *INFER Young Economist Award* consisting of €500 will be made to the presenter of the best paper at each *INFER* Annual Conference. This award is sponsored by Leuven Centre for Irish Studies [<https://ghum.kuleuven.be/lcis>] and LEO, a research centre at the University of Orléans [<http://www.leo-univ-orleans.fr/en/>], both of these organisations are strategic partners of *INFER*.

Eligibility:

In order for a paper to be considered for the *Young Economist Award*, the presenter must be less than 30 years of age at the time of the Annual Conference.

Process:

The *Young Economist Award* is awarded to outstanding papers presented at the *INFER* Annual Conference. The *Award* will be made during the Annual Conference, with the presentation of the *Award* made at the conference dinner.

All papers that fulfill the eligibility criteria are read by members of the Selection Committee and evaluated against the criteria set out below.

Selection Criteria:

Papers will be reviewed and judged based on the criteria described below. Each paper will be given a score of 0 – 10 (where 0 is the lowest and 10 is the highest score) against each criterion.

The score allocated to each paper by each reviewer shall be multiplied by the weighting and then added. The highest scoring paper shall be selected for the *Young Economist Award*. Where two or more papers receive the same total score, the paper which has the highest score in the highest weighted criteria shall be selected for the

award. If the papers are still tied, the highest score in the second highest weighted criteria will be selected for the award, and so until a winner is found.

Criteria:

- **Originality (weighting 40%)**
Originality of contribution to knowledge with an emphasis on the paper's innovativeness in one or more of; (i) theoretical development, (ii) empirical results or, (iii) policy development
- **Quality of Argument (weighting 30%)**
Quality of argument incorporating; (i) critical analysis of concepts, theories and findings, and (ii) consistency and coherency of debate
- **Positioning (weighting 15%)**
Clear positioning of paper in existing international literature with a conclusion(s) that is both convincing and of significant potential
- **Writing Style (weighting 15%)**
Quality of writing style in term of accuracy, clarity, readability, and organisation of the paper