



**MEDAlitics**

**First Workshop & Ph.D. Academy**

**CALL FOR PAPERS  
*and*  
INVITATION TO RESEARCH TRAINING**

**Workshop: 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2013**

**Ph.D. Academy: 17<sup>th</sup> September – 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2013**

**Reggio Calabria, Italy**

[www.medalics.org](http://www.medalics.org)

## The aim

The MEDALics Workshop is arranged along with the Ph.D. Academy in order to stimulate the development of both internal and external research and training networks. This will give students the opportunity to attend plenary lectures held by eminent invited speakers. The lectures will delve in detail issues related to innovation, development economics, technology management and international trade with a specific focus on the Mediterranean area. The specific issues addressed during the workshop will always be related to the nature of the “lics” paradigm, with an emphasis on the Mediterranean area.

The aim of the PhD Academy is to support the training of Ph.D. students from different parts of the world, writing their thesis on issues related to innovation and economic development in the Mediterranean area. The Academy brings together frontier researchers in innovation with Ph.D. students from different countries in order to inspire and improve their work. It is also a very well organized platform for exchanging fruitful ideas and initiating high-quality research networks.

The Ph.D. students will be given the opportunity to present their work and receive valuable feedback from the discussants and the invited speakers. Student presentations are expected to focus explicitly on the students' on-going research, methodological challenges and contributions to the advancement of knowledge. In addition, other activities including policy lectures, panel discussion and visit to relevant “sites of innovation” are part of the program. The details will be updated on the website mentioned at the end of the page. Kindly do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

## Ph.D. students eligibility

The MEDALics Workshop and PhD Academy is open to Ph.D. students who have completed at least their first year of graduate studies and who are working on their thesis. In particular two eligibility conditions must be fulfilled by applicant students: first, they must either come from one of the Mediterranean countries (nationality criterion) or study there (place of study criterion) and, second, they must be working on issues related to innovation in developing countries.

Students who do not fulfil these requirements might be admitted only on exceptional circumstances, which will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Admitted students must also be able to present an original paper based on their doctoral work or project.

The Academy will accept a maximum of 20 applicants. Please read the guidelines for submission before submitting the abstracts.

## The Academy session will be composed of the following two parts:

16<sup>th</sup> September: MEDALics Workshop / One day session

- Plenary presentations by eminent scholars in which they will present their research work. Speakers will be very happy to share ideas with participants. They will be present during the workshop to discuss the potential of the work of the MEDALics participants.

Introduction: Massimiliano Ferrara - Mediterranean University (Italy)

Invited speakers:

Bengt-Åke Lundvall

Aalborg University (Denmark)

“National Systems of Innovation: A General Overview”

Franco Malerba

Bocconi University (Italy)

“Economic and Technological Catching-up: A General Overview”

Abdelkader Djeflat

University of Lille (France)

“Science&Technology and Development in the MENA Region”

Ahmed Driouchi

Institute of Economic Analysis and Prospective Studies (Morocco)

“Knowledge-Based Economy and Development in the MENA Region”

17<sup>th</sup> September – 20<sup>th</sup> September: Doctoral Academy / Four days

- During the first half of the day lectures will be given by the invited scholars on the key aspects of the current state of research.
- The second half will be followed by doctoral students' presentations and discussions.

Invited lecturers:

José Molero Zayas

Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Spain)

“MNCs, Globalization, Innovation and Development”

Omar Bizri

SCITECH (Lebanon)

“Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the MENA Region”

Mammo Muchie

Institute for Economic Research on Innovation (South Africa)

“ICT for Development in the MENA Region”

Erol Taymaz

Middle East Technical University (Turkey)

“Evaluating the Impact of R&D Support Policies”

## Publications

Authors of selected outstanding abstracts on one (or more) of the following topics:

- building the mediterranean research area on knowledge, learning, innovation and competence building systems;
- the innovation approach for the integration and development of the mediterranean area;
- inclusive and sustainable innovation systems in the mediterranean region;
- innovation to deal with the impact of globalization of the mediterranean region;

will be invited to submit a full version of their papers for publication, after a review process, on the special issue with Abdelkader Djeflat and Franco Malerba as guest editors on "Innovation and Development in the Mediterranean Area" of the African Journal of Science, Technology, Innovation and Development (AJSTID) – to be published by the Taylor and Francis Routledge Publishing Group.

## Traveling and accommodation

Accommodation and travel expenses will be covered selectively on the basis of application. Up to 15 scholarships are available. Priority will be given to students who satisfy both the nationality and place of study eligibility criteria defined above.

## Submission and infos

To apply students must submit 1) an extended abstract of four pages describing their research, 2) a copy of their CV and 3) a recommendation letter from the supervisor or from another senior scholar. The abstracts, CVs and letters of recommendation should be sent through e-mail before June 15, 2013 at the following address: [workacademy2013@medalics.org](mailto:workacademy2013@medalics.org). All applications must include an e-mail and mailing address. Abstracts (four pages) should be typed double-spaced in English and should state the objectives, methodology, expected results and conclusions of the work, including supporting figures and main references. If accepted, all students should provide full papers no later than 15 August, 2013.

## Timetable (all deadline are twelve moon – GMT+1:00)

Deadline for abstract submission: ~~June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013~~ **Extended: June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Decision of abstract acceptance: June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Deadline for registration and submission of final paper: August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Final program available: September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

## Conference Organizer

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