

Nottingham Business School International Conferences April 2011:

International Conference on Gambling Studies (with special sessions on gambling business and economics)

Date:

3 - 5 April 2011

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Location:

Nottingham Conference Centre

Organiser:

Nottingham Business School

Details:

The conference will be held in association with the *Journal of Gambling Business and Economics and Economic Issues*.

In recent years there has been a substantial global increase in interest in the study of gambling. To some extent this has mirrored seismic changes in the way that betting and gaming markets worldwide are taxed and regulated. Examples include the effective abolition of taxation on bettors in the UK in 2001, followed in 2005 by wholesale changes to the gambling sector ushered in by the Gambling Act. In the US, the passage of the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act has had profound implications for the global online gambling sector, while the regulation of gambling in Europe is witnessing significant and ongoing upheaval.

All this has heightened interest in a wide range of issues related to this sector, and in particular the consideration of regulation, public policy and commercial strategy.

This conference is devoted to a consideration of all these issues, and will act as a forum for individuals or groups to contribute to the base of knowledge about gambling in all its dimensions, including social and psychological as well as economic.

The conference will bring together experts from all over the world and from a wide variety of disciplines. This conference is running alongside the Sixth International Conference on Money, Investment and Risk and the Third International Conference on Prediction and Information Markets.

Who should attend?

The conference will bring together those interested in any aspect of the study of gambling. For further information please contact the conference director, Professor Leighton Vaughan Williams, by email.

Sixth International Conference on Money, Investment and Risk

Date:

3 - 5 April 2011

Event:

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Location:

Nottingham Conference Centre

Organiser:

Nottingham Business School

Details:

The Sixth International Conference on Money, Investment and Risk will be held in association with *Economic Issues*.

Following the success of the first five Money, Investment and Risk conferences we would like to invite academics, policy makers and business / industry professionals to the sixth International Conference. Papers are solicited on issues from any field of money, investment, risk and finance. Papers in the fields of economics and finance are especially encouraged.

The conference provides a forum in which people with different perspectives can discuss and learn from each other in a range of formal and informal settings, set in an environment in which delegates can interact in a relaxed atmosphere.

Previous conferences have attracted speakers representing institutions from over 30 countries, including:

- London Business School
- European Central Bank
- University of Cambridge
- London School of Economics
- University of Manchester
- University of Southampton
- Department for Culture, Media and Sport, UK
- Bank of Canada
- DG Bank Asset Management, Frankfurt
- National Westminster Bank
- Czech National Bank
- Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Texas, USA
- Michigan State University
- Macquarie Graduate School of Management, New South Wales, Australia
- University of Crete
- University of Ulm, Germany
- University of Amsterdam
- European University, Madrid
- Tomsk State University, Russia
- Lunds University, Sweden
- University of Mannheim, Germany
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Faculty of Economics, IBMFC, Rio de Janeiro
- Actuarial Science Research Group, K.U.Leuven
- Providence University, Taiwan
- Nanyang Business School, Singapore
- American University, Cairo.

This conference is running alongside the Third International Conference on Prediction and Information Markets and the International Conference on Gambling Studies.

Who should attend?

The purpose of the conference is to bring together those interested in any areas of money, investment and risk. All are welcome, including academics, policy-makers and business/industry professionals.

The conference is held in association with the internationally ranked journal, *Economic Issues*, and selected papers (with the agreement of the authors) will be published in the journal.

Third International Conference on Prediction and Information Markets

Date:

3 - 5 April 2011

Event:

Third International Conference on Prediction and Information Markets

Location:

Nottingham Conference Centre

Organiser:

Nottingham Business School

Details:

The Third International Conference on Prediction and Information Markets will be held in association with *Economic Issues* and the *Journal of Prediction Markets*.

Prediction / information markets offer a way of harnessing the wisdom of crowds. They have been used to aggregate information in order to provide forecasts of a wide range of events, for example from national elections to the box office success of movies, to possible influenza outbreaks, to the sale of printers, the success of new drugs, the probability of meeting project deadlines and even admittance to hospitals.

Prediction markets, which are speculative markets created for the purpose of making predictions, frame these questions particularly sharply and offer the potential to yield particularly robust conclusions. The insights gained, therefore, have many potentially valuable applications in the design of institutions that promote information efficiency and for public policy more generally.

The theoretical underpinning for the value of prediction markets stems from the view that relevant information concerning the likelihood of future events is dispersed among the opinions and intuitions of many people. The mechanisms underlying prediction markets vary but they all offer a means of aggregating this information. The design of the incentive program is crucial, therefore, as people may invest more thought and energy into expressing their opinion when there's a meaningful incentive to do so.

In recent years, a number of companies have employed these markets as a means of aggregating the information dispersed widely among their employees and customers. As well as improving forecasts of uncertain events, the markets have been used to generate new ideas, to improve resource allocation within firms, to help firms manage risk, and to do all this more rapidly than has been possible with more traditional business mechanisms.

Who should attend?

The conference will bring together those interested in forecasting, information aggregation, the efficiency of markets, and those with a specific interest in how prediction and information markets have been used and can be used to improve forecasting at a macro or company level, or as a tool for improving communication, resource allocation or the management of risk.

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