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EDITORIAL

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PUBLICATIONS

[1st February-31st May 2003]

Smith I, 'The Law and Economics of Marriage Contracts', **Journal of Economic Surveys**, 17(2), 201-225, 2003

Reid, G.C (with J A Smith) 'Post-investment performance appraisal (PIPA): the impact of venture capital investment on small firm performance' Summary in *Frontiers of Entrepreneurship Research 2002* edited by W.D. Bygrave, C.G Brush, P. Davidsson, J. Fiet, P.G. Green, R.T. Harrison, M.Lerner, G.D. Meyer, J. Sohl, and A. Zacharakis. P & R Publications, Waltham, Mass, 2002, ISBN 0-910897-23-9. p. 514

Reid, G.C (with B Power) 'Performance, firm size and the heterogeneity of competitive strategy for long-lived small firms: a simultaneous equations analysis' Discussion paper, CRIEFF, Department of Economics, University of St Andrews, No. 0307

Reid, G.C (with J A Smith) 'Co-evolution of information systems in fast-growing small firms' Discussion paper, CRIEFF, Department of Economics, University of St Andrews, No. 0306.

Castro EA, **Jensen-Butler CN** (2003) Demand for information and communication technology-based services and regional economic development *Papers in Regional Science* 82: 27-50

Madsen B, **Jensen-Butler CN** (2002) *Regional economic modelling in Denmark: Construction of an Interregional SAM with data at high levels of disaggregation, subject to national constraints* in: Hewings GJD, Sonis M, Boyce D (eds) *Trade, networks and hierarchies. Modeling regional and interregional economies* (Springer Verlag, Berlin) 445-456

Jensen-Butler CN, Madsen B, Caspersen S (2002) *Rural areas in crisis? The role of the welfare state in income creation: The case of Denmark* in: Johansson B, Karlsson C, Stough R(eds) *Regional policies and comparative advantage* (Edward Elgar, Cheltenham) 323-363

Madsen B, Kronbak **J Jensen-Butler CN**, (2003) Pricing policy and fixed links (AKF Publishers, Copenhagen)

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

[1st February-31st May 2003]

John Beath

- attended ESRC Devolution Programme Conference on Devolution in Northern Ireland, Belfast, March 3rd – 4th, 2003
- attended RES Annual Conference, University of Warwick, April 7th – 9th, 2003

Laurence Lasselle

- presented "Heterogeneous beliefs, Dynamics, Stability of Markets" at the *Royal Economic Society Conference*, Warwick in April 2003 and at the *WEHIA Conference* (Workshop on Economics with Heterogeneous Interacting Agents), Kiel, Germany in May 2003
- attended the Conference on *Globalisation*, HM Treasury, London, in April 2003.
- attended the Money Macro Finance Group workshop on "*Dynamics and policy in the open economy*", Cass Business School, London in April 2003

David Cobham

- presented 'The exchange rate as a source of disturbances: the UK, 1979-2000' at the 7th International Conference on Macroeconomic Theory and Policy in Crete in May

Gavin Reid

- attended EIASM Conference, Brussels on 'Information and Organizational Design' and presented a paper on 'Co-evolution and information systems in fast growing small firms', 18th March 2003
- attended Scottish Economic Society (SES) AGM and conference, University of Glasgow, 25-26 March, 2003
- attended 26th annual conference of the European Accounting Association (EAA), Seville, and presented papers on 'Attitudes to risk by investors and investees in venture capital contracting in high-technology enterprises', and 'Is there an industry consensus on risk? Evidence from UK venture capital contracting in high-technology enterprises', 2-4 April 2003
- attended British Accounting Association (BAA) conference, and presented papers on 'Attitudes to risk by investors and investees in venture capital contracting in high-technology enterprises' and 'Is there an industry consensus on risk? Evidence from UK venture capital contracting in high-technology enterprises', University of Manchester, 23-25 April 2003
- attended Irish Economic Association (IEA) meeting, University of Limerick, and gave a poster session on 'Performance, firm size and the heterogeneity of competitive strategy for long-lived small firms: a simultaneous equations analysis' (with B Power) 26 April 2003

Alan Sutherland

- presented a paper entitled "Policy Instrument Choice and Non-Coordinated Monetary Policy in Interdependent Economies" (joint work with Giovanni Lombardo), Bundesbank, March 2003
- presented a paper entitled "Cost-Push Shocks and Monetary Policy in Open Economies" ,European Central Bank, March 2003
- presented a paper entitled "International Monetary Policy Co-ordination and Financial Market Integration",Bocconi University (March 2003), the Bank of Spain (March 2003) and the CEPR Summer Symposium in International Macroeconomics, Athens (May 2003)
- presented a paper entitled "Monetary and Fiscal Interactions in Open Economies" (joint work with Giovanni Lombardo) at the 5th Bundesbank Spring Conference, May 2003
- a lecture course on "Solving Stochastic General Equilibrium Models using Second-Order Approximations" was presented at the European Central Bank, May 2003
- presented a lecture course on "Solving Stochastic General Equilibrium Models using Second-Order Approximations" at the European Central Bank, May 2003
- discussant for a paper by Allan Drazen and Stefan Hubrich entitled "Mixed Signals in Defending the Exchange Rate: What Do the Data Say?" at a CEPR conference on "The Analysis of International Capital Markets" in Gerzensee, May 2003

OTHER ACTIVITIES

[1st February-31st May 2003]

John Beath

- took part in a Disability Workshop organised by SHEFC on February 3 at the University of Dundee
- attended a meeting in London of the RES Executive Committee on February 6th
- worked at ELSE, UCL on research, 7th February 2003
- interviewed as an ELSE Research Fellow by the ESRC panel carrying out the mid-term review of ELSE (J. Mirrlees, E. Van Damme and D. Fudenberg),13th February, 2003
- attended the meeting of the Academic Panel at the Inland Revenue, 14th February
- acted as an external assessor for chair appointments at the University of Leicester. on Thursday 20th and 21st February
- chaired the CHUDE Steering Committee meeting (Held at London Metropolitan University) on 22nd February
- acted as an external assessor for chair appointments at the University of Leicester on 26th February
- took part in a Senior Management Training Workshop for Heads of School and Departmental Chairs at the University of St. Andrews (as part of the University's Management Development Programme), 27th February 2003
- attended the Advisory Board meeting for the ESRC Devolution Programme in Belfast on March 3rd 2003

- took part in the launch of the Report of the Commission on the Social Sciences on the Health of the Social Sciences in the UK at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in London, March 25th, 2003
- worked at ELSE, UCL on research, 26th March, 2003
- took part in a CEPR Workshop on R&D and Biotechnology at the CEPR in London, 27th March, 2003
- chaired the CHUDE meeting at the University of Warwick on April 7th
- worked at ELSE, UCL on research and on April 17th attended the meeting of the RES Council in London on April 16th
- worked at ELSE, UCL on research and on May 7th attended a meeting of the Academic Panel at the Inland Revenue in London on May 6th
- took part in a series of meetings at the University of Leeds on May 13th and 14th
- took part in a Senior Management Training Workshop at the University of St. Andrews (Management Development Programme), May 15th, 2003

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David Cobham

- gave a talk on the history of Iraq in an AUT staff-student seminar at the beginning of the war, in March
- presented his paper 'The exchange rate as a source of disturbances: the UK, 1979-2000' at a seminar in Piacenza and his paper on 'Why does the Monetary Policy Committee smooth interest rates?' at a seminar in Milan, and then spent two days in Rome working with colleges at Tor Vergata, in April
- gave a talk on why the UK should adopt the euro at the University of Brighton Business School, in May

Felix FitzRoy

- visiting professor at University of Paris, 2 May 2003

Gerald Pech

- gave a seminar presentation at the University of Dortmund, "The Role of Beliefs for the Sustainability of the Fiscal Constitution", 5th May 2003

Gavin Reid

- attended British Council, The Tun, Edinburgh, 14th February, 2002
- attended Business Plan Launch, New Hall, St Andrews, 19th February 2003
- attended installation of the Rector, Younger Hall, 21st February 2003
- as President of the National Conference of University Professor (NCUP), chaired the Council meeting at King's College, London, 22 March 2003
- attended SIE meeting, New Technology Centre, University of St Andrews, 24 March 2003
- visited University College, Cork, 7-10 May 2003, to work with B Power on Enterprise Ireland project on long-lived small firms: and presented a paper on 'Flexibility in the Small Firm: the dynamics of market re-positioning and scale adjustment in the early stages of the life cycle', 9th May 2003

- judged Student Business Plan competition, New Technology Centre, St Andrews, 14th May 2003
- attended presentations of Student Business Plan prizes, Upper College Hall, 16th May 2003
- attended Bank of England briefing, Glasgow, 20th May 2003
- as President, chaired National Conference of University Professors (NCUP) meeting, King's College, London on the Government White Paper on High Education, 22 May 2003

Chris Jensen-Butler

- gave a keynote speech on *industrial clusters* at the Uddevalla (Sweden) Symposium on 'Entrepreneurship spatial industrial clusters and inter-firm networks' in June
- gave a keynote speech on *the economics of industrial clusters* at a symposium on Regional Development, organised by the Danish Ministry of the Interior in Copenhagen in January, 2003
- was invited expert on the Portuguese Ministry of Education's Evaluation Panel for university level courses in Planning and in Geography, meeting in March in Portugal
- was invited expert to assess research project applications in geography and planning, Portuguese Ministry of Science and Technology, meeting in Lisbon in April
- was invited to participate in the Anglo-Irish government financed think-tank Encounter's meeting on Transport for the Future, in Liverpool, April, 2003
- held a lecture on *spatial data and modelling fallacies* at a seminar for PhD students in Social Science, University of Copenhagen, June, 2003
- participated in two management committee meetings of the Danish research programme financed by the Danish Ministry of the Environment on Transport and the Environment (TRIP)
- visited the Local Government's Research Institute in Copenhagen for ongoing work on sub-regional modelling on several occasions in the spring, 2003
- visited the university of Aveiro for ongoing work on technology and regional labour productivity on several occasions in the spring, 2003

NEW RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

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CRIEFF NEWS

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POST-GRADUATE NEWS

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- Several MEIR students distinguished themselves in the St Andrews University Business Plan Competition, run by Research and Enterprise Services. The MEIR teams won first prizes of £2,000 for their proposal for a European Quiz Network (EQN), and the Royal Bank of Scotland Award of £150 for Best Business Plan.

PERSONAL

[1st February-31st May 2003]

Gavin Reid

- has become a Research Fellow of EIM, Rotterdam, the leading independent research institute on economics and public policy in the Netherlands. His first duty was to give a paper to their staff research seminar on ‘Turbulence, flexibility and performance of the long-lived small firm’.