

**First Banca d'Italia - CEPR Conference on Money, Banking and Finance  
CALL FOR PAPERS - (Extended) Deadline 30 June 2003**

**Financial Structure, Product Market Structure and Economic  
Performance**

**Rome, 10-11 October 2003**

Organized by the Banca d'Italia and the Centre for Economic Policy Research

A growing body of evidence suggests that finance matters for economic growth. Less clear, however, are the mechanisms through which this effect occurs, as well as the other dimensions of an economic system that might be affected by financial development. How does finance affect innovation, the degree of competition, firms entry and post-entry performance, social mobility, and income distribution? The conference wants to focus on these less researched topics. Suitable subjects include:

- finance and product market structure
- access to finance and economic competitiveness
- firm size distribution and finance
- finance and innovation
- financial development and income distribution

Both theoretical and empirical papers are welcome, with a preference for those with clear policy implications.

The organising committee of this conference consists of Francesco Lippi (Banca d'Italia and CEPR), Salvatore Rossi (Banca d'Italia), Fabiano Schivardi (Banca d'Italia), Raman Uppal (London Business School and CEPR) and Luigi Zingales (University of Chicago and CEPR)

Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered for all active participants.

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