Workshop on Macroeconomic Forecasting, Analysis and Policy with Data Revision

Call for Papers: CIRANO and the Bank of Canada invite papers for their joint Workshop on Macroeconomic Forecasting, Analysis and Policy with Data Revision, to be held Friday, October 14th 2005 in Montreal, Canada in collaboration with the University of Toronto Institute for Public Policy.

Theme: The organizers invite the submission of papers related to the broad theme of real-time data analysis in macroeconomics and finance. This includes topics such as

- the creation of new real-time macroeconomic databases
- modeling or forecasting data revision
- constructing and evaluating forecasts with data subject to revision
- reliability studies examining the revision of forecasts or current analysis
- policy formulation or evaluation in the face of uncertainty about current conditions

Both theoretical and applied studies are welcomed. Papers that should be of interest to either statistical agencies or macroeconomic policymakers are particularly encouraged.

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Submissions: Submissions should be sent to Evelyne Giard (evelyne.giard@cirano.qc.ca) before July 15, 2005 and should include a detailed abstract (one page maximum) and preferably a draft paper (if available.) The workshop programme will be determined by mid-August 2005.

Support: The organizers will provide accommodation for two nights in Montreal along with lunch and dinner during the workshop. Under special circumstances some funding for travel is available. Further inquiries should be directed to the workshop secretary (bcamp@jmsb.concordia.ca).