

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE

2009
Economics Undergraduate Theses Prize
«Angelo Costa»*
XIIIth Edition

1) *Rivista di Politica Economica (RPE)* announces the XIIIth competition for the publication of the five most deserving papers taken from undergraduate theses in Economics (two-year MSc.) by students graduated in an Italian university. The Prize consists in the publication of the winning papers in the November-December 2009 issue of *RPE*, which will be published in Italian and separately in English.

The initiative has two targets:

– to renew the commitment to make promising Italian graduates in Economics known, awarding them with the publication of their paper so as to encourage the continuation of their studies and their chances of admission to Master and/or Ph.D. programs;

* Angelo Costa was born in Genoa on April 18th, 1901, into an established family of Genoese merchants. In 1925, having completed his studies at the “Scuola Superiore di Commercio” at the University of Genoa, he joined his family business, strengthening its market share while focusing his attention on the shipping and engineering industries. In 1945 he was elected as the first president of Confindustria, which he led for the entire post-war reconstruction period until 1955. From 1966 to 1970 he was once again elected to chair the board of Confindustria.

A free-market advocate, Angelo Costa always opposed the constraints imposed by statism and stressed the key role played by small-and medium-sized enterprises in Italy’s economic and industrial growth.

– to promote the publication of excellent studies which too often remain as mimeos and cannot be appreciated by a larger audience.

2) The *RPE* editorial board will evaluate all papers taken from undergraduate theses in Economics defended by students graduated in an Italian university between May 1st, 2007 and June 30th, 2009 to be delivered to the editorial board within the deadline of July 1st, 2009. The papers presented must be independent and self-sufficient with respect to the theses they are taken from and they shall in no way exceed a length of 30 pages (of 30 lines each) plus tables, graphs and appendix for a maximum of 10 additional pages. The papers submitted in the previous editions of the Prize will not be accepted.

3) The candidate¹ shall enclose the following documents:

a) An application form, signed at its bottom, specifying:

– the candidate's surname, name, place and date of birth, contact details;

– the candidate's declaration that the paper has not been published and will not be submitted and/or published in any other scientific journal unless *RPE* rejects it;

b) the candidate's degree certification (two-year MSc.) indicating final grade, title of the thesis and name of the advisor;

c) two printed copies of the paper (two in Italian and two in English) of length as specified at point 2), of which:

— one copy of the paper indicating candidate's name on the front page and an up-to-100-words length abstract;

¹ The collection and processing of candidate personal data has the only purpose to efficiently handle the Costa Award activity. Personal information will always be treated in a legal and appropriate way, in accordance with Italian Law D.Lgs. 196 dated 30 June 2003 should it be treated in computer systems or paper processes. Candidate's data will not be communicated or released outlaw and personal information will solely be dealt with until the end of the Angelo Costa Award activity. The candidate's documents will therefore be trashed after March 2010, unless documents are asked back by the candidate before that date. The company handling candidates personal data is: S.I.P.I. S.p.A., Servizio Italiano Pubblicazioni Internazionali, Viale Pasteur 6, 00144 Rome. The provider of data has the rights described in the above-mentioned Law.

— one copy of the paper including the abstract but without any reference to the candidate's name or data.

d) one copy of the thesis.

It is recommended that the English version be checked by a mother-tongue speaker.

Bibliographic references shall be detailed and shall only refer to the works mentioned in the paper.

The documents must be delivered — within the deadline of July 1st 2009 — to the following address: *Editorial Office, Rivista di Politica Economica — Premio per Tesi di Laurea in Economia “Angelo Costa”* — SIPI, Viale Pasteur, 6 - 00144 Rome - Italy, or posted within expiry date to the address indicated (in this case the postmark will prove mailing date).

4) Of all the papers received, a first group of up to 30 will be selected by the Members of the Editorial Board composed by:

Dr. Giampaolo Galli *Director General of Confindustria and Editor of RPE;*

Dr. Luca Paolazzi *Director of Confindustria Research Department;*

Prof. Gustavo Piga *Managing Editor of RPE.*

Each of the selected papers will then be submitted to an Italian referee expert in the subject dealt with in the paper. The 10/15 works rating the highest marks will be evaluated by the Members of the International Scientific Committee whose task is to choose the five final winners whose papers deserve publication.

The International Scientific Committee is composed by:

Prof. Michael Brennan *(University of California, Los Angeles);*

Prof. Phoebus J. Dhrymes *(Columbia University);*

Prof. Jean-Paul Fitoussi *(Observatoire Français des Conjonctures Économiques);*

Prof. Heinz Kurz *(University of Graz);*

Prof. Axel Leijonhufvud *(University of California, Los Angeles);*

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Prof. Stephen A. Ross (Massachusetts Institute of Technology);
Prof. Bertram Schefold (J.W. Goëthe Universität Frankfurt am
Main);
Prof. Jean Tirole (Université des Sciences Sociales de
Toulouse);
Prof. Carl E. Walsh (University of California, Santa Cruz).

5) The winners will receive the anonymous Italian and international referee reports on their papers by December 31st, 2009. The authors will then prepare a final version to be delivered for publication by January 31st, 2010 which takes into account the referees' comments. The *RPE* retains the right not to publish a paper that has not satisfied the referees' requests of amendments. Any reproduction of the winning papers or of basic parts of them is forbidden without prior consent by the *RPE* Editorial Board.

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