

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE

**“Angelo Costa” Economics
Undergraduate Theses Award 2007*
Eleventh Edition**

1) The *Rivista di Politica Economica (RPE)* announces the eleventh competition for the publication of the five most deserving papers taken from undergraduate theses in Economics by students graduated in an Italian university. The “Award” consists in the publication of the winning papers in the November-December 2007 issue of the *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, 2005 and May 30th, 2007 to be delivered to the editorial board within the deadline of May 31st, 2007. 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 “Award” 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;
– the complete address where the candidate wishes to receive all the correspondence, telephone numbers, fax and e-mail address if available;

– 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 indicating final grade, title of the thesis and name of the advisor;

c) seven copies of the paper (three in Italian and four in English) of length as specified at point 2). It is recommended, also to increase one’s chances of winning, that the English version be

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checked by a mother-tongue speaker. All copies must be simply stapled, not bound and the identity of the candidate shall only appear in the first page of the paper whereas neither the text nor the references shall mention in any way information on the candidate or refer to the title of his/her thesis;

d) one copy of the thesis.

The documents must be delivered — within the deadline of May 31st 2007 — 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. Maurizio Beretta *Director General of Confindustria and Editor of the RPE;*

Dr. Sandro Trento *Director of Confindustria Research Department;*

Prof. Gustavo Piga *Managing Editor of the 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 Members of the International Scientific Committee for the 2007 edition are:

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

Prof. Ricardo Caballero *(Massachusetts Institute of Technology);*

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Main*);
Prof. Robert M. Solow (*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*);
Prof. Jean Tirole (*Université des Sciences Sociales de
Toulouse*).

5) The winners will receive the anonymous Italian and international referee reports on their papers by November 30th, 2007. The authors will then prepare a final version to be delivered for publication by December 30th, 2007 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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