

Public defence of the Ph.D. in Economics for Cem Tintin

The public defence of the Ph.D. in Economics for Cem Tintin will take place on Thursday October 31 2013 at 2pm in the Conference Room Rome at the Institute for European Studies in the Karel Van Miert building, Pleinlaan 5, 1050 Brussel.

The Ph.D thesis is called "Essays on Foreign Direct Investment and International Trade."

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**Abstract:**

Since the 1980s the world economy has become increasingly integrated, which is known as globalization. This integration process in the world economy has been triggered by foreign direct investment and international trade. This PhD dissertation consists of four essays on the causes and the effects of globalization, which is measured by foreign direct investment and international trade. By using statistical analysis and panel data regression methods, the essays in the PhD dissertation investigate: the determinants of foreign direct investment inflows in the Central and Eastern European Countries (CEEC); whether and to what extent foreign direct investment affects labor income in the OECD countries; the effects of foreign direct investment and international trade on economic growth and development in developed, developing, and least developed countries.

In essay 1, the findings show that higher GDP size, more trade openness, EU membership and high quality institutions associate with higher FDI inflows to the CEEC. In essay 2, the results reveal that FDI increases labor income in the OECD countries. In essays 3 and 4, the results confirm that higher stocks of inward FDI, higher trade orientation and stronger institutions affect growth and development positively and significantly. However, the benefits of globalization are not evenly distributed across different groups of countries. For instance, the results show that developing and least developed countries seem to benefit more from the growth and development effects of FDI compared with developed countries.