

Call for Papers

Workshop on “Standards and Conflict Resolution”

October 26-27, 2007, Dresden

The workshop on “Standards and Conflict Resolution” is a joint project of the *Centre of Conflict Resolution (CCR)* of the University of Hamburg, the Department of Business and Economics at TU Dresden and EURAS (European Academy of Standardization). The purpose of the workshop is to bring together researchers to present and discuss their ongoing research, and to stimulate interaction between them. We welcome both theoretical and empirical research contributions to the fields of standards, standard setting and conflict resolution. In designing the programme we will give a particular priority to studies dealing with the following topics

- When and what kind of standards reduce conflicts (or the potential for conflicts) or lead to conflicts? – Are specific types of standards more likely to lead to conflicts?
- How do standardization bodies such as CEN, CENELEC, ISO, IEC and ITU handle conflicts? – To what extent is voting a means of conflict resolution in these organizations?
- How do mechanisms of conflict resolution (such as mediation, arbitration and bargaining) apply to conflicts in standardization? – Is there empirical evidence?
- Are standards the source of “conflicts of interest” or “conflicts of misperception”?
- Can we observe significant interaction between politics and standardization bodies? Are state interventions beneficial or detrimental to consensual solutions? – Are there cases which illustrate this relationship?

Further suggestions for relevant issues in “standards and conflict resolution” are highly welcome.

Submissions:

We invite interested researchers to participate in the workshop and to submit manuscripts for presentation. The **deadline for the submission** of manuscripts is **July 15, 2007**. The announcement of acceptance will be given by **August 15, 2007**. A selection of conference papers will be invited for publication in EYS, the EURAS Yearbook of Standardization (see www.accedoverlag.de). Manuscripts should be sent via e-mail to both organizers (see below).

There will be no conference fees. However, participants will have to cover travel and accommodation on their own. The local organizers will help to find appropriate accommodation in Dresden. The conference will start on Friday, 26 October, 1 PM and end on Saturday, 27 October, 6 PM.

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