

# ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN ECONOMISTS DISCUSSION PAPERS

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***From the Editor:***

This issue presents revised versions of the stimulating papers delivered at the roundtable discussion on Lessons for Christian Economists from the Credit Crunch during the ACE Conference at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, in July 2009. Ian Jones, Andrew Henley and Stephen Beer provide complementary Christian perspectives on a topic that continues to be highly relevant and contentious. All of these contributors write in a personal capacity and their views should not be associated with the institutions to which they are or have been affiliated.

The issue also includes an interesting discussion paper by Cara and Clive Beed that applies the teaching of Jesus to business innovation. Somewhat radically, they argue that the use of patents to protect the returns to innovation is ruled out by the gospel.

Please note the usual advertisement overleaf for our annual small research grant competition.

Do continue to submit to me shorter reflection pieces as well as regular length papers and constructive replies or comments on previously published discussion papers. A set of preferred style and formatting guidelines for contributions is published on page iv. Please take a look at this and format your papers accordingly.

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## **ACE Small Research Grant Fund**

### **2010--11 Call for Proposals**

The Association of Christian Economists UK (ACE) aims to promote discussion and research on economics and related topics from a distinctively Christian perspective. With this aim in mind, we are holding an annual competition for one or more awards of up to £1000 to support research consistent with the aims of ACE. Proposals would be expected to support a small research project or facilitate a research network leading to a submission worthy of publication in ACE Discussion Papers. It is envisaged that grants might be requested in order to pay for direct research expenses incurred such as the hire of a student research assistant, travel or information costs. Applicants should be current members of ACE UK. Applications are considered throughout the year and decisions on funding will be taken collectively by the officers of the society.

To apply, contact Michael Pollitt ([m.pollitt@jims.cam.ac.uk](mailto:m.pollitt@jims.cam.ac.uk)) with a one page proposal.

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## **Guidelines for submissions to the Association of Christian Economists Discussion Papers**

Submissions should not normally exceed 25 pages in length.

The line spacing for paragraphs is one and half. The font is Times New Roman 12 point for all text, including footnotes, to facilitate readability. Select A4 for the paper size. Margins should be 1 inch at the top and bottom and 1.25 inches at the left and right.

All paragraphs should be fully justified.

The first line of a new paragraph should be indented, with the exception of paragraphs that follow a heading, sub-heading or table or figure where there is no indentation required. There should be one blank line between paragraphs and two blank lines before a main heading or a sub-heading.

Main headings should be in bold and consecutively numbered using arabic numerals (1., 2., 3. etc). Sub-headings should be in italics and numbered consecutively and differentiated from the main heading by the use of a decimal point (e.g. 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 etc).

Footnotes should be used in preference to endnotes, but kept to a minimum.

Page numbers should be at the top of the page and aligned on the 'outside'.

Headings for tables and titles for figures should be above the relevant text, centred and in bold. Tables and figures should have their own separate (arabic) numerical sequences.

Citations in the main text and footnotes should be given as follows:

Viner (1978), Iannaccone (1988, p.23), Hay (1989, pp.45-50), Becker (1981a) or (Viner, 1978; Iannaccone, 1988, p.23) as appropriate.

A list of references should be collected at the end of the discussion paper with full bibliographic details. This is preferable to including such details in footnotes. Examples of formatting for the list of references are given below:

### **References**

Cheyne, A. (1999), *Studies in Scottish Church History*, Edinburgh: T & T Clark.

Stark, R. (2006), An Economics of Religion, in Segal, R. (ed.) *The Blackwell Companion to the Study of Religion*, Oxford: Blackwell.

Voas, D. Olson, D and Crockett, A. (2002), Religious pluralism and participation: why previous research is wrong, *American Sociological Review*, 67(2), 212-230.

Please leave a blank line between each of your references.