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Workshop on Regulation, Institutions and Foreign Direct Investment

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Foreign direct investment flows have risen very fast over the last 30 years. In addition to the traditional determinants of these flows (e.g. market size, labor cost), the recent literature has emphasized institutions as a key factor for attracting FDI. The purpose of this workshop is to examine one aspect of the institutional framework that, to our knowledge, has received little attention so far: the regulatory environment. Does the way in which and the extent to which product, labor and capital markets are regulated or the ease with which a contract can be enforced have a really positive impact on investment or growth? Does a heavy regulatory burden reduce investment or growth as suggested by a burgeoning literature? Does the regulatory environment have an impact on foreign direct investment flows? And if so, to what extent? The objective of the workshop is to gather a set of high-quality contributions focusing on those issues in the fields of economics, political, history and law.

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Registration: local expenses will be covered by EQUIPPE for the speakers (one speaker per paper presented).