



Call for research proposals - guidelines and information

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The candidates are welcome to submit research proposals in the following areas:

- The role of government and international organisations in modern societies
- The nature and legitimacy of policymaking
- Regulation, taxation, public expenditure and public debt
- Tax harmonization and tax competition
- Policy-making from an international perspective
- Central banking
- The economics of the welfare state
- Rent-seeking
- The role and nature of judicial systems from a law-and-economics perspective

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Candidates are encouraged to submit their proposals (400/700 words) to Professor Enrico Colombatto (enrico_colombatto@hotmail.com) by **September 18, 2022**.

Professor Colombatto is at your disposal for further information.