

## Call for Papers



### International Symposium on the Government Regulation of Occupations

Occupational Regulation has become a more pervasive issue in western industrialized nations. For example, in the U.S. occupational licensing has grown nearly six fold during the last fifty years reaching almost twenty-nine percent of the workforce. Governments and non profit organizations have precluded individuals from working in an occupation for pay for quality, health and safety, and consumer protection reasons. The benefits of the regulations may include incentives to take on additional training with secure returns. The costs of occupational regulations may be higher wages that are reallocated from consumers, and lost output.

*BJIR* is calling for papers for a special edition of the Journal devoted to the regulation of occupations. The objective is to examine the extent and influence of occupational regulation in advanced industrialized nations. We would especially like papers that focus on the wage and employment implications of occupational regulation across and within nations. We also would welcome papers that examine the relationship between unions and government regulation of occupations, case analysis of specific occupations, and the examination of these labor market regulations for consumers of their services.

A selection of papers will be chosen for presentation at a special conference to be held at the Centre for Economic Performance (CEP) at the London School of Economics, UK on 12-13<sup>th</sup> March 2009. The papers presented at the conference will be included, subject to *BJIR*'s refereeing process, in a special issue of the journal which will be published in 2009 or 2010.

Those interested are invited to submit papers to Sylvia Roesch ([s.roesch@lse.ac.uk](mailto:s.roesch@lse.ac.uk)) by **27<sup>th</sup> October 2008**.

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