

The DeFiPP research institute promotes excellence in research in three areas: development economics, finance and monetary economics, regional economics and economic policy.

DeFiPP's research dynamics strongly rely on interactions between its members. The institute encourages the sharing of research methods and strategies. DeFiPP also aims to develop both national and international visibility through tight research collaborations with external scholars.



The DeFiPP research institute federates three research centres: the Centre for Research in the Economics of Development (CRED), the Centre for Research in Finance and Management (CeReFiM), and the Centre for Research in Regional Economics and Economic Policy (CERPE).

1. CRED

The Centre for Research in the Economics of Development (CRED) is a research entity dedicated to the study of development economics. More precisely, researchers work on issues related to micro-institutions, collective action, market development and political economy. An important part of the research carried out at CRED relies on first-hand data collected by researchers in numerous countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Both theoretical and empirical work is regularly produced by a team of 6 permanent academic researchers as well as 10 to 15 Ph.D. students and post-doctoral researchers.

2. CEREFIM

The Centre for Research in Finance and Management studies issues in finance and monetary economics. In recent years, several research programmes have been carried out on specific topics such as complex financial systems, sustainable finance and systemic risk in the mutual fund industry. In most cases, research questions are addressed from an empirical perspective with the use of up-to-date econometric techniques. As it stands, the CeReFiM consists of a balanced group of both senior (7 academics) and junior (7 Ph.D. students) members working in close collaboration with one another as well as with academics and financial practitioners from numerous universities and financial institutions in Belgium and abroad.

3. CERPE

The Centre for Research in Regional Economics and Economic Policy (CERPE) studies issues of primary interest that pertain to regional economic analysis and economic policy. CERPE's areas of expertise are anchored in spatial and regional economics, inter-regional and international economics, industrial and competition economics, labour and personnel economics, entrepreneurship and innovation economics, public economics and public finance. In line with CERPE's mission, the conducted research combines both theoretical and applied work, with a particular focus on Wallonia within the Belgian institutional landscape. The CERPE is composed of 7 academic researchers and 10 to 15 scientific members and Ph.D. students.

Emerging research – Future prospects

The sharing of common research methods and strategies help the development of synergies between the members of the Institute.

Moreover, we can expect mutual benefits through a process of cross-fertilization, leading to further development of DeFiPP members' capacity in designing original, pathbreaking research projects.

STRONG POINTS

Federation of researchers active in various research domains, making use of models and quantitative methods in economics and finance, promoting their dynamic interactions.

Organization of leading research meetings and the co-organization of seminars in Namur, in the areas of specialization of the DeFiPP components.

Contribution to a joint Doctoral School with other Belgian universities, which offers a number of high-level courses to any Ph. D. student in economics.

An institute made up of three complementary centres, each recognized for its excellence in its fields of research.

Strong integration into international research networks.

President : Marcus Dejardin
marcus.dejardin@unamur.be

Website : <https://defipp.unamur.be/>



www.unamur.be