

## Call for research proposals

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- The economics of the welfare state
- Rent-seeking
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Candidates are encouraged to submit their proposals (400/700 words) to Prof Enrico Colombatto, who is the head of research at IREF, by **September 15, 2017**: [enrico\\_colombatto\(at\)hotmail.com](mailto:enrico_colombatto@hotmail.com)  
By and large, the paper should be delivered one year after the contract is signed by both parties.

More details will be provided in the research contract, once the proposal is approved. Enrico Colombatto is at your disposal for further information.

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