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## Call for Papers Law & Economics Analysis in Governance

The Department of Public Administration at Tallinn University of Technology and the journal *Halduskultuur – Administrative Culture* are hosting their 12<sup>th</sup> annual scholarly conference, this time on “Law & Economics Analysis in Governance”, on 23-24 April 2010 in Tallinn, Estonia.

Law & Economics (L&E), most simply speaking, refers to the economic analysis of the law, or – the other side of the coin – to the study of the influence of the law on economic matters. In the post-World War II version of L&E, this insight is gained via the use of specific contemporary methods of economic analysis. In line with the research program of our department, and for the purpose of this conference, this analysis is primarily interpreted as a form of legal realism, i.e. as the concern with what effects a law, statute, regulation, or just decision really has, rather than with what effects it is supposed to have or addresses, and this is to be found out via economic assumptions and methods – but not necessarily neo-classical ones. Understood in such a way, L&E is particularly suited for the analysis of Public Administration and Management cases, and Governance generally, because of its objectivizing function and its high predictive value, which means that L&E is an ideal tool to apply before a policy decision is made or put into effect. In its synthesis of perspectives and issues, this kind of L&E is in line with the tradition of *Staatwissenschaften*, arguably an early concept of Governance.

The keynote speech will be presented by Professor Dr. Dr.h.c. Jürgen G. Backhaus of the University of Erfurt, Germany.

We are inviting papers dealing with theoretical or empirical topics concerning the Law & Economics-type analysis of Governance matters, especially of Public Administration and Policy. Abstract proposals, no longer than 750 words, should be sent to Professor Dr. Wolfgang Drechsler, at [drechsler@staff.ttu.ee](mailto:drechsler@staff.ttu.ee). The deadline is 15 January 2010. Full papers will be expected by 21 March 2010.

The papers presented will be submitted for fast-track peer review for a special issue of *Halduskultuur – Administrative Culture*. This Journal, published annually by Tallinn University of Technology, is a fully refereed interdisciplinary journal of administrative studies. *Halduskultuur – Administrative Culture* is available at EBSCO, Central and Eastern European Online Library and Google Books, and abstracted, e.g., in Worldwide Political Science Abstracts, Sociological Abstracts and Social Services Abstracts. See [www.halduskultuur.eu](http://www.halduskultuur.eu).