

## Call for Papers: The Economics of Maritime Piracy

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Recently, maritime piracy has become an important international security issue and a great risk to the safe and cheap conduct of international trade. Governments discuss the needs and possibilities to combat this new kind of piracy, while ship-owners calculate alternative routes for commercial shipping. In addition, piracy has economic consequences for the home countries. Today, piracy occurs in particular off the Somali Coast, as well as in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Maritime piracy has different dimensions: legal issues, political coordination, as well as economic motives and consequences. This workshop will focus on the economics of piracy, but relevant legal, political, anthropological, psychological, medical or historical issues may also be addressed.

Therefore, we invite unpublished research papers that analyse:

- International law and legal peculiarities of piracy
- Types of piracy and violence
- Recent trends and regional differences; data and the problem of measuring piracy
- Pirates and their economic motives; economic situation of the home country
- Piracy as a business model; recruitment, financing and income distribution
- Consequences for commercial shipping and the search of alternative routes
- Global costs of piracy
- Victims of piracy
- Combating piracy, political action and international coordination
- The myth of piracy

Submission of complete papers, written in English, including an abstract (maximum 30 pages all inclusive) and a one-page CV of the corresponding author(s) are invited by **28 February 2009** by email to [whaerle@diw.de](mailto:whaerle@diw.de). The workshop will take place in Berlin at DIW Berlin on 22 April 2009. A program for the workshop will be available in March. Participants are expected to cover their own travel expenses. Further information is available from Dr. Hella Engerer, DIW Berlin, [hengerer@diw.de](mailto:hengerer@diw.de).