

## NEW AT DICE DATABASE

### Recent entries to the DICE Database

In the third quarter of 2016, the DICE Database received a number of new entries, consisting partly of updates and partly of new topics. Some topics are mentioned below.

- Labour migration: Trends and statistics
- Labour migration: Shortage lists, labour market tests and employer sponsorship
- Pension reform measures by primary objectives
- Parameters and rules of income-replacement pensions
- Treatment of pensions and pensioners under personal income tax and social security contributions
- Structure of retirement-income provision
- Aggregate pensions replacement ratio
- Public expenditure on old-age and survivors cash benefits
- Registration of new passenger cars
- Average CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from new passenger cars and vans
- Index of inland freight transport volume relative to GDP
- Institutional characteristics of school systems

The interactive graphics application [Visual Storytelling](#) has been further expanded.

## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

### CESifo Area Conference on Energy and Climate Economics

14–15 October 2016, Munich

The purpose of this conference is to bring together the members of the CESifo Research Network to present and discuss their ongoing research, and to stimulate interaction and co-operation between them. All CESifo research network members are invited to submit their papers, which may deal with any topic in the field of Energy and Climate Economics. The keynote lecture will be delivered by Charles D. Kolstad, Stanford University.

Scientific organiser: Prof. Michael Olaf Hoel, Ph.D.

### CESifo Area Conference on Behavioural Economics

21–22 October 2016, Munich

All CESifo research network members are invited to submit their papers, which may deal with any topic within the broad domain of behavioural and experimental economics and applications to other fields. The keynote lectures will be delivered by Rani Spiegler, Tel Aviv University, University College London, and Raj Chetty, Stanford University.

Scientific organisers: Prof. Dr. Klaus Schmidt, Prof. Dr. Ernst Fehr

### 10<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Political Economy

25–26 November 2016, Dresden

CESifo, the Center of Public Economics at TU Dresden and the Ifo Institute for Economic Research Dresden will jointly organise a workshop on Political Economy. In the tradition of the previous workshops, the conference will take place in Saxony's capital Dresden. The two-day workshop will serve as a forum to present current research results in political economy and will give researchers the opportunity to network. The keynote lectures will be delivered by Ragnar Torvik (NTNU Trondheim & CAMP) and Roland Hodler (SIAW-HSG at the University of St. Gallen).

Scientific organisers: Prof. Dr. Christian Lessmann, Dr. Gunther Markwardt

### 7<sup>th</sup> Ifo Conference on “Macroeconomics and Survey Data”

2–3 December 2016, Munich

The Business Cycle Analysis and Survey Department of Ifo in association with Rüdiger Bachmann (University of Notre Dame) and Eric Sims (University of Notre Dame) will organise a conference in Munich on “Macroeconomics and Survey Data”. The conference is intended to discuss ongoing research on survey and micro data and its role and usage in macroeconomics. Papers, theoretical, empirical and policy oriented, are actively solicited on issues like (the list is not exhaustive): methodology of business surveys, uncertainty modelling, survey data and the business cycle, transmission of cyclical fluctuations, forecasting performance

of survey data in business-cycle research, usage of micro-data in macroeconomics.

Scientific organisers: Dr. Klaus Wohlrabe, Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Bachmann, Prof. Eric R. Sims, Ph.D.

## **NEW BOOKS ON INSTITUTIONS**

### **Political Economy for Public Policy**

Ethan Bueno de Mesquita

Princeton University Press, 2016

### **Historical Institutionalism and International Relations**

Explaining Institutional Development in World Politics

Edited by Thomas Rixen, Lora Anne Viola and

Michael Zürn

Oxford University Press, 2016

### **The Politics of Innovation**

Why Some Countries Are Better Than Others at Science and Technology

Mark Zachary Taylor

Oxford University Press, 2016