

## New at DICE Database

### RECENT ENTRIES TO THE DICE DATABASE

In the first quarter of 2017, the DICE Database received a number of new entries, consisting partly of updates and partly of new topics. Some topics are mentioned below.

- Dataset on macroprudential policies
- Overview of recent reforms promoting crowdinvesting
- Partial retirement schemes
- Retirement schemes for workers in arduous or hazardous jobs
- Private Health Insurance – subscriber characteristics
- Primary care in Europe: Role, mode of provision and remuneration
- Legal entitlement and/or compulsory early childhood education and care
- Press Freedom Index
- Transparency of government policymaking
- Control of corruption
- Corruption Perceptions Index
- Share of individuals and enterprises using the Internet for interacting with public authorities

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

## Forthcoming Conferences

### CESifo Area Conference on Public Sector Economics

**27–29 April 2017, Munich**

The conference is intended to give an overview of the current research undertaken by members of the Public Sector Economics area of the network and to stimulate interaction and co-operation between area members. All CESifo research network members are invited to submit their papers which may deal with any topic in Public Economics. Please note that Area Conferences are open to CESifo Network Members only. The keynote lecture “Ending the Ideological Macroeconomic Battles: The Public Finance Approach to Optimal Fiscal Policy”, will be delivered by Bas Jacobs, Erasmus University, Rotterdam.

Scientific organiser: Prof. Rick van der Ploeg, Ph.D.

### CESifo Area Conference on Global Economy

**4–6 May 2017, Munich**

From 4–6 May 2017, CESifo will hold its annual meeting for the Global Economy research area, intended to allow presentation of current research undertaken by its members and to stimulate interaction and co-operation between area members. The

keynote lectures will be delivered by Costas Arkolakis (Yale) and Dave Donaldson (Stanford). Unlike in previous years, this year’s Global Area conference will run over three days. Sessions will begin at approximately midday on Thursday 4th May 2017. On the morning of Friday 5th May 2017 participants of the Global Area conference will then be invited to a special session, marking the 200th anniversary of David Ricardo’s *Principles of Political Economy and Taxation*. Speakers will include: Sam Kortum (Yale), Douglas Irwin (Dartmouth), Peter Neary (Oxford), Daniel Bernhofen (American University) and Richard Baldwin (Geneva). The Global Area sessions will then continue on the afternoon of 5th May and will end at approx. 2pm on Saturday 6th May. Scientific organiser: Prof. Dr. Peter Egger

### 1st Doctoral Workshop on the Economics of Digitisation

**12–13 May 2017, Munich**

This 2-day international workshop (a joint initiative of CESifo Group Munich, Liege Competition and Innovation Institute, Telecom Paris Tech, and Toulouse School of Economics) will gather in Munich doctoral students involved in research in the field of the Economics of Digitisation with both theoretical and empirical focus. The keynote lecture will be delivered by Tommaso Valletti (Chief Competition Economist of the European Commission and Professor of Economics at Imperial College London).

Scientific committee: Paul Belleflamme (Université Catholique de Louvain), Marc Bourreau (Telecom ParisTech), Alexandre de Corniere (Toulouse School of Economics), Oliver Falck (CESifo Group Munich), Axel Gautier (Université de Liege), Lukasz Grzybowski (Telecom ParisTech). Scientific organiser: Prof. Dr. Oliver Falck

### 4th IIPF Doctoral School on Dynamics of Inequality

**23–25 May 2017, Munich**

The organisers of the IIPF doctoral school are calling for applications for the fourth annual school which will take place in Munich in May 2017.

Scientific organisers: Prof. Dr. Uwe Sunde, Prof. Matteo Cervellati, Ph.D.

### CESifo Area Conference on Employment and Social Protection

**26–27 May 2017, Munich**

All CESifo Research Network members are invited to submit their papers, which may deal with any topic within the domains of employment and social protection. The area has a wide scope of relevant research. It covers positive and normative research questions that are usually pursued in economic research on social policy, family policy and labour market policy. Further, it covers research questions that deal with inequality, redistribution and the political economy of redistribution and conflict. The keynote lecture at the 2017 conference will be delivered by Ronny Razin (LSE).

Scientific organiser: Prof. Dr. Kai A. Konrad

**Venice Summer Institute 2017: Exchange Rate Adjustment in the Euro Area**  
**12–13 June 2017, Venice**

Economic performance in the euro area has been very heterogeneous since 2010. Intra euro-area real exchange rates, however, have not adjusted very much during the last six years. This is arguably a major cause of the euro area's current woes. Yet, to date, there is no consensus as to why there is so little exchange rate adjustment. The workshop provides a platform for discussing recent developments and research on the issue, also with a view towards informing actual policy making in the euro area.

Keynote speakers: Barry Eichengreen, University of California, Berkeley, and Charles Engel, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Scientific organisers: Prof. Dr. Zeno Enders, Prof. Dr. Gernot Müller

**Venice Summer Institute 2017: New Evidence on Consumption, Household Behaviour, and Inequality**  
**12–13 June 2017, Venice**

Household-level data on consumption expenditure underpin key policy questions, both microeconomic and macroeconomic, including monetary policy, tax policy, social security, and their relation to consumption, savings, and inequality. While the measurement of consumer expenditures at the household level poses difficult challenges, the last few years have seen much innovation in how such data can be collected and analysed. This workshop will bring together international experts to consider these innovations as well as the application of new and improved sources of data to key areas of policy and research. The workshop will stress the close interaction between economic theory, measurement, and econometric methods.

Keynote speakers: Erik Hurst, University of Chicago, and Luigi Pistaferri, Stanford University

Scientific organisers: Prof. Thomas F. Crossley, Ph.D., Prof. Hamish Low, Ph.D., Prof. Dr. Joachim Winter

**Venice Summer Institute 2017: Dynamics of Conflict - Results from Theory and Experiments**  
**14–15 June 2017, Venice**

The military conflicts in Ukraine and Syria, conflict in Afghanistan and Iraq, the terrorist threat and the deterioration of international relationships, but also trade wars and other less violent forms of international conflict remind us of the continuous role of conflict in the international sphere. This conference considers the dynamics of such conflicts, bringing together research from economics and political science that studies the factors why and how a conflict may escalate or cease, the role of sanctions, the role of mediation, the role of ethnic and religious diversity, and the role of international institutions such as the United Nations or of military alliances.

Keynote speakers: Dominic Rohner, University of Lausanne, and James D. Fearon, Stanford University

Scientific organisers: Prof. Toke Aidt, Ph.D., Prof. Dr. Kai A. Konrad, Prof. Dan J. Kovenock, Ph.D.

**Venice Summer Institute 2017: Place-Based Policies**  
**14–15 June 2017, Venice**

The aim of this workshop is to discuss empirical and theoretical approaches that investigate the effects of regional policies and to learn more about the underlying mechanisms and consequences. Beyond those topics, the workshop should serve as a platform to address more broadly local public policies that influence the geography of the economy.

Keynote speakers: Patrick Kline, University of California Berkeley, and Henry Overman, London School of Economics

Scientific organisers: Prof. Dr. Tobias Seidel, Prof. Dr. Jens Suedekum, Prof. Dr. Maximilian von Ehrlich

**Venice Summer Institute 2017: Fiscal Competition and Mobility: Theory and Empirics**  
**16–17 June 2017, Venice**

This workshop will focus on how governments set fiscal policy in the presence of mobile agents and how these agents respond. The workshop will feature both theoretical and empirical papers and welcomes papers containing both approaches. A goal of the workshop is to facilitate interactions between researchers focused on fiscal competition / tax competition and researchers who study the mobility of the tax base and location decisions.

Keynote speakers: Andreas Haufler, University of Munich, and Henrik Kleven, London School of Economics

Scientific organisers: Dr. David R. Agrawal, Prof. William H. Hoyt, Ph.D.

## New Books on Institutions

**The Internationalization of Government Procurement Regulation**

Edited by Aris Georgopoulos, Bernard Hoekman and Petros C. Mavroidis

Oxford University Press, 2017

**The Effects of Political Institutions on Varieties of Capitalism**

Matthew P. Arsenault

Palgrave Macmillan, 2017

**Constitutional Preferences and Parliamentary Reform**

Explaining National Parliaments' Adaptation to European Integration

Thomas Winzen

Oxford University Press, 2017