



2009 CESifo Area Conference on Public Sector Economics

Call for Papers

On **24-26 April 2009**, CESifo will organise a conference in Munich for members of the Public Sector Economics area of the CESifo Research Network.

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.

The keynote lecture on “Using Field Experiments to Learn about the Economics of Charity” will be delivered by John A. List, The University of Chicago.

The deadline for submission of papers or abstracts is **28 February 2009**. Preference is given to papers over abstracts.

For submission, please visit www.cesifo.de Go to the “Conferences and Events” page, click on the conference name and then on the “Submit Paper” link below the conference description. Only online submissions are accepted. Should you have any (technical) difficulties with the online submission procedure, please contact saavedra@cesifo.de for assistance.

Since the number of submissions is getting larger every year, there will be a limit to the number of papers to be presented this year. For this purpose, Panu Poutvaara, Jean-Marie Lozachmeur, Volker Meier and Rick van der Ploeg will serve as the Program Committee for the Area Conference. Apart from the normal submissions by Fellows and Affiliates, we also welcome Fellows who submit and organize one session with three or four papers on a particular theme. The objective is to get a more trimmed down and more attractive program. Remember that in organized sessions all presenters should be network members. Please indicate when you submit whether you would also be prepared to serve as discussant.

Authors of submitted papers will be notified no later than 9 March 2009 whether their paper has been accepted for the conference.

CESifo provides accommodation, and will reimburse economy travel costs for CESifo Research Fellows / Affiliates with accepted papers. All papers presented at the conference will appear in the CESifo Working Paper Series. Other network members are invited to attend, but are expected to provide their own funding for travel and accommodation.

Please note that the same paper is only allowed to be submitted to one of the CESifo area conferences.

Further questions regarding the organisation and scientific content of the workshop can be addressed to the conference organiser, Rick van der Ploeg, University of Oxford (rick.vanderploeg@economics.ox.ac.uk).

Call for Nominations for the CESifo Distinguished Affiliate

In an effort to encourage talented young scholars, CESifo has instituted the "Distinguished CESifo Affiliate" prize, to be awarded to a young author (up to the age of 35) of the best paper presented at the CESifo Area Conference on Public Sector Economics. Preference will be given to prize candidates who present a paper written on their own or with young co-authors. The criteria for the award will be scientific originality, policy relevance and quality of exposition. The prize winner will receive €3000. The Jury this year will consist of the aforementioned Program Committee plus the advice of the Keynote Speaker for the conference.

All CESifo Research Fellows are welcome to nominate candidates for the award (please note that it is not mandatory for candidates to be from the research network). To nominate a candidate, a CESifo Research Fellow must submit the nominee's paper to Rick van der Ploeg, Oxford University (rick.vanderploeg@economics.ox.ac.uk), along with a letter explaining the motivation for the nomination. The winning paper will appear in the CESifo Working Paper Series.

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