



**CESifo Economic Studies Conference on
Measuring Economic Integration**

18-19 February, 2011



The processes of economic integration and fragmentation are still not fully understood. Changes in the institutional framework over the last two decades, such as Germany's unification, the dissolution of the USSR and Yugoslavia, or the introduction of the euro, affected the pattern of economic activity within Europe and across the world. These experiences, together with the growing availability of micro data sets (at industry, commodity, firm or geographical levels), challenge our understanding of economic integration. The purpose of the forthcoming CESifo Economic Studies conference on "Measuring Economic Integration", to be held on February 18-19, 2011 in Munich, is to stimulate research on these issues.

Topics of particular interest include:

- Economic integration and endogenous trade costs
- Aggregation bias in trade data.
- Regional vs. multilateral trade liberalisation
- Interaction between trade and financial markets

The keynote lecture will be given by Jeffrey Bergstrand (University of Notre Dame).

The deadline for submissions is **November 30**, 2010. For submissions, 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.

Authors of submitted papers will be notified no later than **December 17** whether their paper has been accepted for the conference.

A selection of conference papers will be published in the *CESifo Economic Studies*, subject to a refereeing process. Submission to the conference implies a commitment to submit the paper to the journal, in case the paper is accepted to the conference. It is not permitted to submit to the conference a paper that is published or forthcoming or in refereeing process. Papers that are submitted to the conference must not be submitted for publication elsewhere, apart from working paper series, while being considered as submission to the conference.

CESifo will provide accommodation, and will reimburse economy travel costs, for all participants with accepted papers. Other CESifo Research Network members are invited to participate, but are expected to provide their own funding for travel and accommodation.

Further questions regarding the scientific content of the conference should be addressed to the conference organiser Volker Nitsch (nitsch@vwl.tu-darmstadt.de), Technical University Darmstadt and Nikolaus Wolf (nikolaus.wolf@wiwi.hu-berlin.de), Humboldt University Berlin.

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