



Venice Summer Institute 2001

Workshop on Environmental Economics and the Economics of Congestion: Coping with Externalities

From 15 July to 22 July 2001, CESifo will host its second **Summer Institute** in Venice, Italy. The CESifo Summer Institute 2001 will bring together international economists working on economic policy topics for workshops, panel meetings and discussion. Workshops will focus on Financial Crises and Recovery, Environmental Economics and the Economics of Congestion, and Industrial Organisation. The conference venue is San Servolo, an island across the water from San Marco in the bay of Venice.

The workshop on **Environmental Economics and the Economics of Congestion: Coping with Externalities** will discuss recent work on the design and use of economic institutions to deal with externalities, such as regional and global air pollution, road congestion, disease resistance and urban sprawl. **Richard Arnott** (Boston) will deliver a keynote paper to start the workshop. In particular, we invite **paper contributions** that address questions such as the following:

- *Congestion pricing: Are there new methods/results?*
- *Can we explain the extent of proposed co-ordination of policies and commitment to goals by the countries of the European Union under the Kyoto Protocol?*
- *What is the optimal time path for green taxes, levied on exhaustible resources? How should alternative non-polluting back-stop technologies be best reflected in designing environmental (tax) policy?*
- *Do insufficiently secure property rights or the threat of future regulation result in too rapid exploitation of exhaustible resources/destruction of endangered species habitat?*
- *Do green tax reforms boost employment?*
- *Where do we stand on the impact of auto and industrial emissions on human health? Are there promising approaches to valuing these effects? How would they translate into taxes or other economic controls?*
- *Green taxes at work: Does politics allow for environmentally correct (tax) prices?*

Economists working on these or related topics with a focus on the theory and politics as well as empirics are invited to present and discuss their papers, exchange ideas and participate in panel discussions.

Papers addressing the issues raised above should be submitted in triplicate to:

CESifo, Poschingerstrasse 5, D-81679 Munich, Germany.

A PDF file of the paper should be included on a diskette or sent via e-mail to office@CESifo.de. The (extended) deadline for submission is 1 March 2001. Decisions on submissions should be sent out by the end of March. Preference is given to policy and empirically oriented research. CESifo will provide accommodation and meals on San Servolo for all participants with accepted papers, and will reimburse economy travel costs of **CESifo Research Fellows**. Other participants with accepted papers can also apply for assistance with travel costs; please check with the office before booking. Graduate students of the economics and business departments of those universities which are members of Venice International University are welcome to attend the meetings at their own expense. CESifo will assist in the organisation of accommodation if requested.

Should there be questions, please do not hesitate to contact the scientific organisers of the CESifo Workshop on Environmental Economics and the Economics of Congestion: Coping with Externalities:

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