



Venice Summer Institute 2001

Workshop on Industrial Organisation

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 **Industrial Organisation** will discuss what kind of policies are needed in the rapidly developing IT markets. **Mark Armstrong** (Oxford) will deliver a keynote paper to start the workshop. In particular, we invite **paper contributions** that address the following questions:

- *What segments of modern IT markets should be regulated? How can user fees, interconnection charges etc be calculated efficiently? What is the role of government bodies in these markets?*
- *What is the appropriate way to auction frequency spectrum? What are the important rules in these auctions? Have some countries fared better than others?*
- *How can a competitive European electricity market be created? What regulations are needed and which anti-competitive barriers have still to be removed?*
- *What role have regulations played in the development of the IT markets? Can we explain cross-country differences in the development of IT markets by different regulatory regimes?*
- *How can markets that constantly change and overlap be effectively regulated in the long run?*
- *How can we organise efficient standard-setting procedures in IT markets?*

Economists working on these or related topics with a focus on the theory and politics of IT Markets 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 Industrial Organisation:

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