



## Venice Summer Institute 2003

### Workshop on "Taxation and the Family"

24 July to 26 July 2003



From 21 July to 26 July 2003, CESifo will host its fourth **Summer Institute** in Venice, Italy. The CESifo Summer Institute 2003 will bring together international economists working on economic policy topics for workshops, panel meetings and discussion. This year's workshops will focus on monetary unions after EMU, tax policy and labour market performance, insurance economics, taxation and the family, and the economic crisis in Japan. The conference venue is San Servolo, an island across the water from San Marco in the bay of Venice.

In the optimal taxation literature, the household is typically treated as if it consisted of just one individual. This makes it of little help in analysing many of the issues that arise in taxation policy towards the family, for example in taxing couples, in the tax/subsidy treatment of children, and in taxing bequests. This is an active area of current research in public finance, and the aim of this workshop is to bring together those working in the field, to take stock of recent developments and to promote new research.

CESifo hereby invites submission of papers for the workshop on "Taxation and the Family", which will take place from 24 to 26 July. Papers may be of a theoretical or empirical nature, and may be directed at the policies of individual countries, as long as these would be of interest to an international audience. The primary focus of the papers will be on taxation (or subsidy) policy in relation to households consisting of couples, with or without children, and in which intergenerational issues may be important. Keynote papers will be given by **Robert A Pollak**, Washington University, **Alessandro Cigno**, University of Florence, **Pierre Pestieau**, University of Liège and **Ray Rees**, University of Munich.

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Submission of papers by e-mail (in pdf format) is welcome. The deadline for submission is **31 March 2003**. Authors of submitted papers will be notified by the end of April whether their paper has been accepted for the conference. Some of the papers will also be invited from leading researchers who have contributed to the recent literature on taxation and the family. A selection of the conference papers will be published in a conference volume by MIT Press and/or CESifo Economic Studies, following a refereeing process, and pre-published as CESifo working papers. It is understood that all submissions to the conference imply submission to these publication outlets.

CESifo will provide accommodation and will reimburse economy travel costs for all participants with accepted papers or other active roles in the conference. Other CESifo network members and doctoral students of VIU partner Universities are invited to participate in the conference, but are expected to provide their own funding for travel and accommodation.