



Venice Summer Institute 2005

Workshop on “Health Economics”

18 July to 23 July 2005



From 18 July to 23 July 2005, CESifo will host its sixth **Summer Institute** in Venice, Italy. The CESifo Summer Institute 2005 will bring together international economists working on economic policy topics for workshops, panel meetings and discussion. The conference venue is San Servolo, an island across the water from San Marco in the bay of Venice.

The workshop on “Health Economics” will be held July 22-23 2005. The health system is on top of the political agenda nowadays all over the world. Although the problem of ever rising health costs is similar in most countries, the approaches to dealing with it differ. Countries differ with respect to payment systems for providers, insurance systems for patients, and in the degree of public involvement. The workshop aims to bring together scholars working theoretically or empirically on the institutional design of the health care industry, shedding light on the incentive effects of different institutions as well as analyzing the factors which established these institutions in the first place.

The purpose of the conference is to prepare a special issue of the journal **CESifo Economic Studies** (see information next page), aiming to make recent academic research on policy relevant health economics accessible both to practitioners and economists working in other research areas. Papers presented at the conference will be published after a due refereeing process in **CESifo Economic Studies** and pre-published as CESifo working papers. Therefore, we encourage submission of both theoretical and empirical papers presenting recent advances at the research frontier in health economics in an accessible style.

Keynote lectures will be given by **Paul Gertler (Berkeley)** and **Pierre-Yves Geoffard (Delta)**.

Papers should be submitted electronically (in pdf format) to

economic.studies@cesifo.de

The deadline for submission is **31 March 2005**. Authors of submitted papers will be notified by the end of April whether their paper has been accepted for the conference.

Further questions regarding the scientific content of the conference should be addressed to the conference organisers:

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For more information on this and the other workshops at the CESifo Venice Summer Institute please consult the web site: www.cesifo.de/venice

CESifo will provide accommodation and will reimburse economy travel costs for all participants with accepted papers submitted to **CESifo Economic Studies** or other active roles in the conference. Other CESifo network members are invited to participate, but are expected to provide their own funding for travel and accommodation.

Information about the journal CESifo Economic Studies:

With the increasing specialization in the profession, there is an urgent need for building bridges between different areas in economics. The economic research papers published in academic journals are becoming increasingly less accessible to those not working in the same field. *CESifo Economic Studies* aims to bridge the gap between specialized research in economics and the interest of non-specialists. The journal combines theory and empirical research with a strong emphasis on policy issues. *CESifo Economic Studies* publishes contributed papers by top level academic economists which are written in a style accessible to all economists regardless of their specialization. The primary focus of the journal is on policy problems, but it also publishes high quality, non-technical articles which are of general interest to economists.

The journal is circulated among a wide audience including government, business, and policy-makers as well as academics and students. All articles appearing in the journal are thoroughly refereed.

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