



Venice Summer Institute 2005

Workshop on “Recent Developments in International Trade: Globalization and the Multinational Enterprise”

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 “Recent Developments in International Trade: Globalization and the Multinational Enterprise” will be held on July 18-19. This workshop aims to describe the state-of-the-art with respect to our understanding of Multinational Enterprises (MNEs) in a global perspective, both from a theoretical and an empirical perspective. In doing so, the workshop will also deal with the various policy implications.

Among the central issues that could be addressed in this workshop are:

- What do we know about the behaviour of Multinational Enterprises, both from a theoretical and empirical perspective?
- What is the relationship between globalization and Multinational Enterprises?
- Does the New Economic Geography provide additional insights into the behaviour of Multinational Enterprises?
- What is the relationship between national economic policies and (footloose) Multinational Enterprises? Do footloose Multinational Enterprises stimulate a race-to-the-bottom?

Both theoretical and empirical contributions are welcome. The conference will include invited as well as contributed papers. Keynote lectures will be given by **Alan Deardorff**, University of Michigan, **Joseph Francois**, Erasmus University Rotterdam, **James Markusen**, University of Colorado at Boulder, and **Peter Neary**, University College Dublin.

A selection of the conference papers will be published in a conference volume by MIT Press, 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.

The conference is organized by **Steven Brakman** (University of Groningen), and **Harry Garretsen** (University of Utrecht). Papers should be submitted to

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Submission of papers by e-mail (in pdf format) is welcome. The deadline for submission is **31 March 2005**. Authors of submitted papers will be informed of the acceptance decision by the end of April.

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.

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