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CALL FOR PAPERS

for a special issue of *Economic Theory* and a CESifo Workshop on

“ADVANCES IN THE THEORY OF CONTESTS AND ITS APPLICATIONS”

Organisers: Kai A. Konrad and Dan Kovenock

to be held on **18-19 July 2008**

on the island of San Servolo in the Bay of Venice, Italy

Workshop description

Allocation problems and distributional conflicts are often resolved as the outcome of processes in which the players can decide how much effort to invest, in which this effort is sunk, and in which goods, prizes or other types of rewards are awarded as a function of these efforts. The study of such structures in politics, business, litigation and in many other areas has attracted considerable attention by theoreticians and experimental game theorists.

The workshop on “Advances in the Theory of Contests and Applications” aims at bringing together a group of researchers who can deliver new theoretical or experimental insights into this field. Accordingly, papers are solicited that

- make relevant contributions to the basic theory of contests, including the equilibrium and welfare analysis of contests and problems of contest design
- analyse contest structures that are relevant for a particular field of application, including industrial organisation, litigation, sports, biology and politics
- analyse practically relevant dynamic or more complex contest structures, or the interaction between contests and other choices in a larger game theoretic context
- test aspects and results of the theory of contests experimentally in the lab or in the field.

Keynote speakers

Two keynote lectures will be given. The keynote speakers are

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For submission, please visit **www.cesifo.org**.

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The deadline for submissions is **March 31, 2008**.

Authors of papers that are accepted for presentation at the workshop will be informed by the end of April.

Note that all papers that are accepted for presentation of the workshop should be submitted to the special issue of *Economic Theory* in the week that follows the acceptance decision. Papers not submitted to the special issue by **May 5, 2008** will be removed from the programme.