

10th CESifo Venice Summer Institute

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CALL FOR PAPERS

CESifo Workshop on

“RETHINKING THE PRIVATISATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY”

Organisers: Gerhard Illing and Efraim Sadka

to be held on **10 - 11 July 2009**

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

Workshop description

The well-functioning of the capital markets in the nineties brought to the public debate the issue of privatising social security. A key paradigm in this debate was that the capital markets, and especially the stock markets, can yield better risk-adjusted returns than national pension schemes. The recent global turmoil in the financial markets undoubtedly calls for rethinking of the pros and cons of privatising social security.

The purpose of this workshop is to attract original contributions on these issues. All contributions with applied/policy aspects are welcome.

Theoretical as well as empirical contributions aimed at delivering policy-relevant results are solicited. A selection of the papers will be considered by the organisers,



subject to a refereeing process, for a special issue of the *CESifo Economic Studies* journal (see below for more information about the journal). The papers of those authors who do not agree to the submission obligation will not be chosen for presentation at the conference.

In addition, all papers presented are eligible for submission to the CESifo working paper series.

Keynote speakers

Keynote speakers will be announced shortly on the workshop webpage, accessible through www.cesifo.de/venice

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For submissions, please visit www.cesifo.de

Go to www.cesifo.de/venice and click on the "Submit Paper" link associated to the workshop in question. Only online sub-missions will be accepted. Should you have any (technical) difficulties with the online submission procedure, please contact saavedra@cesifo.de for assistance.

The deadline for submissions is **March 30, 2009**. Authors of papers that are accepted for presentation at the workshop will be notified by the end of April.

Information about the *CESifo Economic Studies* journal:

With the increasing specialisation in the profession, there is an urgent need for building bridges between the 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*, published by Oxford University Press on behalf of CESifo, aims to bridge the gap between specialised 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.

For more information see: <http://cesifo.oxfordjournals.org/>

CESifo will provide accommodation, and will reimburse economy travel costs, for all participants with accepted papers. Other CESifo Research Network members are invited to participate, but are expected to provide their own funding for travel and accommodation.

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