

# **CESifo** Venice Summer Institute

18 - 23 July 2011

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

CESifo Workshop on

## **THE ECONOMICS OF CONFLICT - THEORY AND POLICY LESSONS**

Organiser: Karl Wärneryd

to be held on **20 - 21 July 2011**  
on the island of San Servolo in the Bay of Venice, Italy

### **Workshop description**

Outright conflict, or the threat of outright conflict, is an ever-present feature of human interaction. Phenomena such as the relationship between rulers and their subjects in dictatorial and oligarchic societies or the competition for control of natural resources in developing countries take place in a setting very far from the standard economic model of peaceful exchange in a market with well-defined property rights in the background.

Not only do many transactions in the real world involve some degree of coercion, but all peaceful transactions necessarily take place in the shadow of outright conflict. Since the



outside option of using violence constrains possible outcomes also when conflict is avoided, there is a need for an economic understanding of conflict.

Only recently, however, have attempts been made at the systematic study of the economics of conflict. The purpose of this workshop is to achieve a better understanding of conflict and attempt to reach policy conclusions. Relevant topics include, but are not limited to,

- Contracting in the shadow of conflict
- Understanding civil wars
- The "Natural Resource Curse"
- Alliances and their formation in conflict
- Defense spending in democracies
- Experimental studies of conflict
- Game-theoretical approaches to modeling conflict

We would like to strike a good balance between academic rigor and practical relevance, and accommodate alternative viewpoints on these issues.

## Keynote speakers

The keynote lectures will be delivered by

**Stergios Skaperdas**  
**Kai A. Konrad**

University of California, Irvine  
Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance

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For submissions, please visit **[www.cesifo.org](http://www.cesifo.org)**.

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The deadline for submissions is **March 30, 2011**. Authors of papers that are accepted for presentation at the workshop will be notified by the end of April.

A selection of the conference papers will be published in a *Conference Volume by MIT Press*. It is understood that all submissions to the conference imply submission to the publication outlet. The papers presented at the workshop can be revised after the workshop to include comments. This revised version will then be submitted to the conference volume. Final publication decisions are based on a standard refereeing process.

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.