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CALL FOR PAPERS

CESifo Workshop on

LESSONS FROM THE ECONOMICS OF CRIME: WHAT WORKS IN REDUCING OFFENDING?

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to be held on **22 - 23 July 2011**
on the island of San Servolo in the Bay of Venice, Italy

Workshop description

There is still no consensus on the policy tools which are most successful in fighting crime. How important are for example direct (e.g. police, prison, protective measures) and indirect (e.g. education, employment, fertility decisions) levers available to decision makers in reducing offending? One can also ask if it is generally more efficient to focus on general or targeted crime fighting policies. And in the end is it at all possible to prevent or deter offending committed by certain sub-groups of the population?



If there is no general agreement on these questions it is partly due to important methodological issues rendering the identification of the effect of the different policy channels which may reduce offending difficult. Economists of crime are actively involved in finding solutions by carrying out research which carefully takes into account problems such as endogeneity, confounding factors, and selection biases. Considering these issues is crucial to estimate the actual direct and/or indirect impact of any policy on offending.

The more we are able to understand ‘what works’ the more we will be able to make accurate recommendations to minimize the cost crime has in a society. It is also crucial in order to make any credible predictions on the future direction of offending, and to answer such questions as what are the likely short and long term consequences on crime of the policies implemented as a response to the recent economic crisis?

The purpose of this workshop is to attract original contributions on these and related issues. All contributions with applied/policy aspects are welcome. Theoretical as well as empirical contributions aimed at delivering policy-relevant results are solicited.

Keynote speakers

The keynote lectures will be delivered by

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Stephen Machin	University College London
John Donohue	Stanford Law School

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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.

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