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Call for Papers
CESifo Workshop on

THE THEORY AND EMPIRICS OF THE GREEN PARADOX

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to be held on **20-21 July 2012**
on the island of San Servolo in the Bay of Venice, Italy

Workshop description

The interrelation between economics and the environment has posed a number of difficult challenges in the course of history. Climate change is universally considered to be probably the biggest challenge faced so far. A vast and diverse literature on the economics of climate change has developed. In designing climate policies, most economists have focused until recently on the demand-side of fossil fuel markets. The efficiency of climate policies, however, also depends critically on supply-side reactions, which have largely been ignored. Interest in the role of supply rose considerably after the publication in 2008 of Hans-Werner Sinn's work on the Green Paradox. The

concept of the Green Paradox entails that some of the policy instruments that have been favoured by economists, and implemented by some governments, might be counterproductive in the sense that they bring the supply of fossil fuels forward instead of postponing it.

Since Sinn's initial publication, the theoretical literature on the Green Paradox has grown considerably. The purpose of this workshop is to further contribute to this theoretical work but also to the empirical and numerical analyses in the field. We will therefore especially invite contributions dealing with

- the theoretical analysis of supply reactions to climate policy,
- new approaches to climate policy design,
- numerical analysis of the Green Paradox,
- empirical relevance of supply-side reactions.

Keynote speakers

Michael Hoel	University of Oslo
Hans-Werner Sinn	Ifo Institute and University of Munich
Ngo Van Long	McGill University and Ifo Institute

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Click on the "Submit Paper" link associated to the workshop in question. Only online submissions will be accepted. Should you have any difficulties with the online submission procedure, please contact saavedra@cesifo.de for assistance.

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.

The deadline for submissions is **March 31, 2012**. Authors of papers that are accepted for presentation at the workshop will be notified by the end of April.

CESifo will provide accommodation, and will reimburse economy travel costs, for all participants with accepted papers. Other researchers may also participate, but are expected to provide their own funding for travel and accommodation and to pay a conference fee.