



Call for Papers

Redistribution and Employment New Social Policies for the New Millennium

From June 15 to June 16, 2001 CESifo and the *Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration* will organize the second

Norwegian-German Seminar on Public Economics

to be held at CES, Munich. The seminar will be arranged within the framework of the Ruhrgas Scholarship Scheme under the auspices of The Research Council of Norway and Stifterverband.

Norway, Germany and other European countries face increasing difficulties in maintaining their social net. The need for lower marginal tax rates urgently calls for new concepts in social assistance and social welfare programmes which are more cost effective, while retaining broad social consensus. The conference invites the submission of papers that either develop or discuss new approaches to social assistance or compare and empirically evaluate different existing alternatives. Possible questions to be addressed are:

Does workfare work better than welfare? • The "Earned Income Tax Credit": what can we learn from U.S. experience? • How can wage subsidies be confined? • Should we favour state or private employment for welfare recipients? • Does workfare crowd out private firms? • What are the possible migration effects of different social policies? • How should federal grants for local redistribution be designed?

Papers addressing any of these or related questions should be submitted in quadruplicate to the scientific organizer Guttorm Schjelderup, *Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration, Department of Economics, Helleveien 30, N-5045 Bergen, Norway*. The deadline is 15 December 2000. The conference should cover the full range of relevant economic aspects of redistribution and employment, from normative to practical issues. Papers highlighting the challenges facing Europe are particularly welcome. Authors of accepted papers will be reimbursed on all their travel expenses (economy airfare) and hotel accommodation will be provided. Preference will be given to papers from Norway and Germany. Accepted papers will be considered for publication in a conference volume that will appear as a special issue of *Finanzarchiv*.