



CEBR and CESifo Conference on “Pension Reform”

Call for Papers

On **June 11-12, 2005**, the Centre for Economic and Business Research (CEBR) and CESifo will organize a conference in Copenhagen on the topic of pension reform.

Pension reforms top the political agenda across the OECD countries. Increases in life expectancy, decline in fertility, a reduced labor force participation, rising instabilities in working careers, and the impending retirement of the baby boom generation create pressures to cut benefits, increase contribution rates, or change pension rules. The aim of this conference is to take stock of the current debate and the various aspects of actual and potential reforms.

We welcome both theoretical and empirical contributions on pension reforms, with a special emphasis on behavioral economics. Among the central issues that could be addressed in this conference are:

- changes in the statutory and effective retirement age
- flat-rate versus earnings-related pensions
- behavioral finance and private pensions
- aspects of risk and uncertainty
- long-term trends of asset prices, demographics, productivities, and their relation to pensions
- links between pension reforms and reforms of other public welfare programs, like health care and public education
- international migration and pensions
- political economy of pension reforms

All contributions should include the reform aspect, whether by analyzing actual reforms, exploring the consequences as well as the fiscal and political feasibility of proposed reforms, or suggesting new innovative ways to improve pension systems.

Michele Boldrin (University of Minnesota), **Richard F. Disney** (University of Nottingham) and **Laurence J. Kotlikoff** (Boston University) will deliver keynote speeches. In addition to this, the conference will include 10-12 submitted presentations.

The **deadline for submission** of papers or abstracts is **March 31**. The paper or a 2-3 page abstract should be sent to:

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Submission of papers to Panu Poutvaara by e-mail (in pdf format) is welcome. E-mails should have as subject line "Submission", and include the title, a short abstract, and the contact information of the submitter in the main body of the text. Authors of submitted papers will be notified before **April 21** whether their paper has been accepted for the conference. Preference is given to papers over abstracts.

Accommodation will be provided and travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed for participants with accepted papers. Conference papers are eligible for submission to the CESifo Working Paper series.

Further questions regarding the workshop can be addressed to the conference organizers:

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