



“New Directions in Fiscal Federalism”

14 – 16 September 2006, Lexington, Kentucky

Call for Papers IFIR – CESifo Conference on “New Directions in Fiscal Federalism”

The Institute for Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations (**IFIR**) and **CESifo** are pleased to announce their co-sponsorship of a conference on “New Directions in Fiscal Federalism” to take place September 14 – 16, 2006, in Lexington, Kentucky. Prospective participants are invited to submit abstracts of papers for presentation at the conference, to be received no later than May 21 2006, with authors to be notified about acceptance on the conference program by mid-June. Completed papers are to be made available for posting on the conference web site no later than September 4.

Conference Theme

Issues of fiscal federalism – broadly defined to include the tax, expenditure, and debt policies of different levels of government, as well their interaction – have attracted heightened attention from academics and policymakers alike. Global changes in institutional structures and economic conditions within and among countries, including fiscal, economic, and political reforms, have highlighted the importance of the division of fiscal and political responsibilities among governments. Competition among governments, as well as the development and evolution of mechanisms of horizontal and vertical fiscal coordination and cooperation among them, have been the subject of a rapidly-developing literature. Better understanding of the fiscal policies and interactions of governments, and of their institutional and political underpinnings, presents deep intellectual challenges as well as opportunities for useful policy applications.

This conference will provide a forum for presentation of current theoretical and empirical research on these topics.

Keynote Lectures

A highlight of the conference will be the presentation of several keynote lectures by leading researchers in the field. The keynote speakers will identify important new directions for research and emerging public policy issues. The keynote speakers are:

Jean Hindriks, Universite Catholique de Louvain

Robert Inman, University of Pennsylvania

Peter Birch Sorensen, University of Copenhagen

Barry Weingast, Stanford University

John D. Wilson, Michigan State University

George Zodrow, Rice University

Financial Support

Financing is available to cover the costs of travel, lodging, and meals for conference participants.

Publication

The co-organizers will explore the possibility of submitting a selection of conference papers for publication in a leading professional journal. Accepted papers are eligible for submission to the **CESifo** and **IFIR** working paper series.

Conference Web Site

A conference web site will provide further and updated information. Navigate to the **IFIR** web site <http://www.ifigr.org/> and select the "Workshops & Conferences" link, or consult the **CESifo** homepage <http://www.cesifo-group.de/> and select the link to "Conferences and Events".

Contact

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