



CESifo Economic Studies

Conference on “Productivity and Growth” June 22-23, 2007, Munich

CESifo Economic Studies will host a conference on “Productivity and Growth” on June 22-23, 2007, in Munich. The issue of how to enhance productivity and economic growth has ever attracted the attention of economists and policy-makers, as perhaps the key goal of economic policy. We encourage submissions dealing with the implications of various factors for enhancing productivity and growth, such as: investment in human capital (education, vocational training, etc.); research and development; institutions – political, financial, labor markets, corporate governance, etc.; financial market development; international trade and FDI. The above list aims at being suggestive rather than comprehensive. The conference aims to bring together scholars working theoretically or empirically in this field, shedding light on the issues that will play a crucial role in shaping our understanding of the causes and consequences of productivity and economic growth.

The purpose of the conference is to prepare a special issue of the journal **CESifo Economic Studies** (see information next page), aiming to make recent academic research on policy relevant issues of productivity and economic growth accessible both to practitioners and economists working in other research areas. Papers presented at the conference will be published after a due refereeing process in **CESifo Economic Studies** and pre-published as CESifo working papers. Therefore, we encourage submission of both theoretical and empirical papers presenting recent advances at the research frontier of this field in an accessible style.

Keynote lectures will be given by:

**Robert J. Gordon (Northwestern University),
Kevin Stiroh (Federal Reserve Bank, New York)
Fabrizio Zilibotti (University of Zurich)**

Papers should be submitted electronically (in pdf format) to

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The deadline for submission is **28 February 2007**. Authors of submitted papers will be notified by the end of March whether their paper has been accepted for the conference.

Further questions regarding the scientific content of the conference should be addressed to the conference organiser:

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CESifo will provide accommodation and will reimburse economy travel costs for all participants with accepted papers or other active roles in the conference. Other CESifo network members are invited to participate, but are expected to provide their own funding for travel and accommodation.

Information about the journal CESifo Economic Studies:

With the increasing specialization in the profession, there is an urgent need for building bridges between different areas in economics. The economic research papers published in academic journals are becoming increasingly less accessible to those not working in the same field. *CESifo Economic Studies* aims to bridge the gap between specialized research in economics and the interest of non-specialists. The journal combines theory and empirical research with a strong emphasis on policy issues. *CESifo Economic Studies* publishes contributed papers by top level academic economists which are written in a style accessible to all economists regardless of their specialization. The primary focus of the journal is on policy problems, but it also publishes high quality, non-technical articles which are of general interest to economists.

The journal is circulated among a wide audience including government, business, and policy-makers as well as academics and students. All articles appearing in the journal are thoroughly refereed.

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