

New at DICE Database

RECENT ENTRIES TO THE DICE DATABASE

In the first quarter of 2018 the DICE Database received a number of new entries, consisting partly of updates and partly of new topics. The list below features some of the topics covered by these new entries:

- EU Blue Card (Country Overview 2016)
- Skill Shortages Reported by Employers
- Former Students Remaining in Member State

The interactive graphics application [Visual Storytelling](#) was also expanded.

Forthcoming Conferences

CESifo Area Conference on Employment and Social Protection

20–21 April 2018, Munich

The purpose of the conference is to bring together CESifo members to present and discuss their ongoing research, and to stimulate interaction and co-operation between them. All CESifo Research Network members are invited to submit their papers, which may deal with any topic within the domains of employment and social protection. The scope of relevant research in this area is wide. It includes positive and normative research issues that are usually pursued in economic research on social policy, family policy and labour market policy. It also covers research questions that deal with inequality, redistribution and the political economy of redistribution and conflict.

Scientific organiser: Prof. Dr. Kai A. Konrad

CESifo Area Conference on Global Economy

4–5 May 2018, Munich

The annual meeting of the Global Economy Area of the CESifo research network will enable its members to present their latest research and stimulate interaction and co-operation between them. Papers may be submitted on any topic under the Global Economy field covering trade, international finance, migration, global environmental issues, and other issues. Papers will be discussed in seminar format. Accepted papers will be published as CESifo Working Papers after revision. The CESifo Distinguished Young Affiliate Award at this year's conference will be sponsored by the Review of International Economics. The keynote lectures will be delivered by Thomas Chaney (Sciences Po, Paris) and Jonathan Eaton (The Pennsylvania State University).

Scientific organiser: Professor Dr. Peter H. Egger

2nd Doctoral Workshop on the Economics of Digitization

4–5 May 2018, Paris

At this 2-day international workshop (a joint initiative of CESifo Group Munich, Liege Competition and Innovation Institute, Telecom Paris Tech, and Toulouse School of Economics) doctoral students involved in research in the field of the Economics of Digitalization with both theoretical and empirical focus will gather in Paris. The keynote lecture will be delivered by **Bruno Jullien** (Toulouse School of Economics).

Scientific committee: Paul Belleflamme (Aix-Marseille Université), Marc Bourreau (Telecom ParisTech), Alexandre de Corniere (Toulouse School of Economics), Oliver Falck (CESifo Group Munich), Axel Gautier (Université de Liege), Lukasz Grzybowski (Telecom ParisTech). Local organisers: Marc Bourreau & Lukasz Grzybowski

Venice Summer Institute 2018: Globalisation and Populism: Past and Present

4–5 June 2018, Venice

The UK referendum on EU membership on 23 June 2016 is thought to have been a watershed moment in European integration and globalisation more broadly. It was quickly followed by the election of Donald Trump as President of the United States on an explicitly "America First" agenda with strong anti-globalisation elements. It seems that anti-globalisation forces have become mainstream. This workshop will bring together leading researchers working on the distributional consequences of globalisation and its political repercussions, both from a modern and a historical perspective. The aim is to also bring in important complementary perspectives on this topic drawn from history, economics and political science.

Keynote speakers: David D. Laitin, Stanford University, Dani Rodrik, Harvard University, and Kevin Hjortshoj O'Rourke, University of Oxford.

Scientific organisers: Professor Sascha O. Becker, Dr Thiemo Fetzer

Venice Summer Institute 2018: Country Clubs

4–5 June 2018, Venice

The UK's decision to leave the EU has triggered a fundamental debate over the future of political and economic integration in Europe. In this debate the concept of a multi-speed Europe is finding increasing support. But a multi-speed Europe suggests that all countries are heading in the same direction, that is, towards more integration. One alternative would be a multi-tier EU, whereby members can choose to belong to a variety of "country clubs". Each tier or "club" could then be characterised by a specific form of policy cooperation or integration like an internal market, a customs union, the Schengen zone with common external border controls and immigration policies, the Eurozone, possibly zones of tax coordination or fiscal integration with a common budget and so on. This workshop will be run

in conjunction with EconPol Europe (European Network for Economic and Fiscal Policy Research). Keynote speaker: Enrico Spolaore, Tufts University. A second keynote speaker will be announced at a later date.

Scientific organiser: Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Clemens Fuest, Professor Daniel Gros

**Venice Summer Institute 2018:
International Tax Reform – Challenges for
Trade Integration and Implications for
International Tax Coordination
6–7 June 2018, Venice**

Recent developments have put international tax issues at the top of the global policy agenda. The US government has proposed a switch from worldwide taxation of corporate profits to territorial taxation. Meanwhile the US Congress is considering an even more fundamental reform of the corporate tax system with the adoption of a destination-based cash flow tax. By including a so-called "border-tax", the latter proposal may have profound implications for international trade patterns. In Europe, the UK government is threatening to open a new round of tax competition to attenuate the negative consequences of Brexit for trade and foreign investment in the UK. Meanwhile, the OECD countries are implementing policy measures from the BEPS programme with the goal of countering tax avoidance by multinational firms.

Keynote speakers: Alan J. Auerbach, University of California, Berkeley, and Michael Keen, International Monetary Fund.

Scientific organisers: Prof. Dr. Johannes Becker, Dr. Niels Johannesen

**Venice Summer Institute 2018:
Evidence-Based Policy Advice:
How it is Produced and Used
6–7 June 2018, Venice**

Public interest in evidence-based policy advice has grown in recent years. However, it is unclear how much of such advice is actually taken up by policymakers, and how successfully recommendations are implemented. This workshop will bring together stakeholders involved in generating or implementing evidence-based policy advice. Participants will discuss the state of affairs in various countries (including the UK, the US, and Germany) and in different policy domains (including innovation, health, and education). An important feature of the workshop is that we will not only involve producers of evidence-based advice from universities, research institutes and think tanks, but also its addressees, i.e., bureaucrats and journalists. In terms of suitable papers, the organisers will be looking for examples of large-scale evaluation studies that have had or are expected to have an impact on the design and implementation of (public) policy. Keynote speakers: Hilary Hoynes, University of California, Berkeley, and US Commission on

Evidence-Policy Making, and Henry Overman, LSE and What Works Center for Local Economic Growth. Scientific organisers: Prof. Dr. Florian Englmaier, Prof. Dr. Monika Schnitzer, Prof. Dr. Joachim Winter

**Venice Summer Institute 2018:
Expectation Formation
8–9 June 2018, Venice**

Expectations play a key role in any economic model of decision-making under uncertainty. This workshop aims to bring together researchers from different fields of economics to better understand how individuals form expectations, how they update their expectations after receiving new information, how individuals' expectations translate into their spending, saving and investment decisions and the resulting implications for macroeconomics and asset pricing, as well as the policy recommendations based on such models.

Keynote speakers: Nicola Gennaioli, Bocconi University, and Stefan Nagel, University of Chicago
Scientific organisers: Dr Michael Weber, Dr Theresa Kuchler

**The Minimum Wage Institution: Empirical,
Theoretical, and Political Economy Aspects
8–9 June 2018, Hydra Island**

CESifo and LINER-AUEB invite the submission of papers or extended abstracts (300-500 words) on the question of "The Minimum Wage Institution: Empirical, Theoretical, and Political Economy Aspects" to be held in Hydra Island, Greece, 08-09 June 2018. Given the recent resurgence in the minimum wage institution (especially after the introduction of a nationwide statutory minimum wage in Germany in 2015, and the large, and age-differentiated minimum wage reductions in Greece), this conference aims to examine various aspects of existing minimum wage institutions across countries, as well as the political economy reasons that have prevented the emergence of minimum wage legislation in some countries and the continuing support for the minimum wage institution in others. Please refer to the full call for papers for further details.

Scientific organisers: Dr. George Economides, Professor Thomas Moutos, Professor Dr. Marcel Thum

**18th Doctoral Meetings in International Trade and
International Finance
15–16 June 2018, Munich**

The doctoral meetings in International Trade and International Finance are organised on an annual basis by the Research in International Economics and Finance (RIEF) network. The meetings are designed to offer the opportunity for a limited number of PhD candidates or young post-doc students to present their papers to active senior researchers in the field. This year's meeting will take place at the ifo Institute in Munich. The organisers are pleased to welcome Nicolas Coeurdacier (Sciences Po and CEPR) and Carsten Eckel (University of

Munich) as the keynote speakers. The deadline for submissions is 20 March 2018 - please refer to the call for papers on directions for submitting a paper. Scientific organisers: Prof. Dr. Gabriel J. Felbermayr, Professor Jérôme Héricourt

**Junior Economist Workshop on Migration
Research
19–20 June 2018, Munich**

The workshop will be organised by the ifo Center of Excellence for Migration and Integration Research (CEMIR). The keynote lecture will be delivered by Alicia Adsera (Princeton University). Please see the call for papers for details on how to submit a paper. Scientific organisers: Dr. Yvonne Giesing, Dr. Till Nikolka, Prof. Professor Panu Poutvaara, Ph.D.

**Workshop on Subjective Expectations and
Probabilities in Economics
22–23 June 2018, Munich**

We seek to bring together researchers from the field of Economics and Psychology who collect and analyse subjective expectations and subjective probabilities in applied work. Potential topics include issues related to measurement, expectations formation, use of expectations in econometric models and substantive applications. The workshop builds on a series of previous events held at the Université Laval, the University of Essex, and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The keynote will be delivered by Charles Manski (Northwestern University). Please address any questions to: joachim.winter@lrz.uni-muenchen.de. Scientific organisers: Adeline Delavande (University of Essex), Basit Zafar (Arizona State University), Wilbert van der Klaauw (FRB New York), and Joachim Winter (University of Munich).

**CESifo Area Conference on Macro, Money & Inter-
national Finance
6–7 July 2018, Munich**

The purpose of this conference is to bring together CESifo members who are working in the areas of macroeconomics and money to present and discuss their ongoing research, and to stimulate interaction and co-operation between them. All CESifo research network members are invited to submit their papers, which may deal with any topic in Macro, Money, and International Finance. The keynote lecture will be delivered by Ricardo Reis (London School of Economics). Keynote speakers: Nicola Gennaioli, Bocconi University, and Stefan Nagel, University of Chicago
Scientific organiser: Professor Markus K. Brunnermeier

New Books on Institutions

**The Political Economy of Structural Reforms
in Europe**

Edited by Nauro F. Campos, Paul De Grauwe and Yuemei Ji
Oxford University Press, 2018

**International Financial Centers after
the Global Financial Crisis and Brexit**

Youssef Cassis and Dariusz Wójcik
Oxford University Press, 2018

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