

RECENT ENTRIES TO THE DICE DATABASE

In the third quarter of 2004 the DICE Database (www.cesifo.de/DICE) received about 60 new entries which partly consisted of actualisations of existing entries and partly of new topics. Some topics are mentioned below:

- Central Government Economic Administration
- Inheritance Taxation
- Property Taxation
- Labour Costs and Net Income
- Tax Burden by Family Type
- Financial Markets: Insider Trading Laws
- Obese Population
- Alcohol Consumption
- School Responsibility for Hiring Teachers
- State Religion

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

Sustainability of Public Debt

22–23 October 2004, in Munich

The purpose of this CESifo conference is to take stock of the theoretical and empirical knowledge on public debt and budget deficits. Particular emphasis will be placed on comparing public debt and budget deficits in different countries by means of selected case studies.

Scientific organisers: Robert Holzmann, Reinhard Neck and Jan-Egbert Sturm

Pension Reform

5–6 November 2004, in Munich
and first half of 2006, in Paris

The two conferences, jointly organised by CESifo and DELTA, will deal with the microeconomic incentives, macroeconomic implications, and political sustainability of intergenerational transfers, on the one hand, and the transitional costs and macroeconomic implications of funded systems of retirement savings, on the other.

Scientific organisers: Robert Fenge, Georges de Menil

Global Economy

10–11 December 2004, in Munich

The focus of the conference will be to explore how the gains from globalisation differ from the gains from trade, the effects of marginalisation and how it operates, new forms of global institutions and arrangements, and related topics.

Scientific organiser: John Whalley

Stagnation, Fiscal Vulnerability and Public Policy

22–25 August 2005, in Jeju, Korea

This is the 61st Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF). Beside the main themes of the conference also various topics of public economics will be treated.

Scientific organiser: Jürgen von Hagen

NEW BOOKS

A Constitution for the European Union

Charles B. Blankart and Dennis C. Mueller (eds.)

CESifo Seminar Series, MIT Press

September 2004, ISBN 0-262-02566-3, 280 pp., \$ 35

Measuring the Tax Burden on Capital and Labor

Peter Birch Sorensen (ed.)

CESifo Seminar Series, MIT Press

July 2004, ISBN 0-262-19503-8, 376 pp., \$ 45

The Economic Analysis of Civil Law

Hans-Bernd Schäfer and Claus Ott

Edgar Elgar, 2004, ISBN 1-84376-277-3, 488 pp., \$ 135

(Paperback edition announced for 2005)

A Handbook of Comparative Social Policy

Patricia Kennett (ed.)

Edgar Elgar, 2004, ISBN 1-84064-886-4, 448 pp., \$ 144

Designing Federalism – A Theory of Self-sustainable Federal Institutions

Mikhail Filippov, Peter C. Ordeshook and Olga Shvetsova

Cambridge University Press, 2004, 0-521-81618-1, 348 pp.

The International Climate Change Regime – A Guide to Rules, Institutions and Procedures

Farhana Yamin and Joanna Depledge

Cambridge University Press, announced for December 2004, ISBN 0-521-84089-0



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BASIC ANALYSIS

DICE
Database for Institutional Comparisons in Europe
www.cesifo.de/DICE

The database DICE was created to stimulate the political and academic discussion on institutional and economic policy reforms. For this purpose, DICE provides country-comparative information on institutions, regulations and the conduct of economic policy.

To date, the following main topics are covered: Labour Market, Public Finances, Social Policy, Pensions, Health, Business Environment, Capital Market and Education. Information about Basic Macro Indicators is added for the convenience of the user.

The information provided comes mainly in the form of tables – with countries as the first column –, but DICE contains also several graphs and short reports. Currently, the database consists of about 1 000 entries. In most tables all 25 EU and some important non-EU countries are covered.

DICE consists mainly of information which is – in principle – also available elsewhere. But we think that the access we provide is very convenient for the user, the presentation is systematic and the main focus is truly on institutions, regulations and economic policy conduct. However, many tables are based on empirical institutional research by Ifo and CESifo colleagues as well as the DICE staff.

DICE is a free access database.

Critical remarks and recommendations are always welcome.

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