

## NEW AT DICE DATABASE

### Recent entries to the DICE Database

In the second quarter of 2015, the DICE Database received a number of new entries, consisting partly of updates and partly of new topics. Some topics are mentioned below.

- Family benefit: Childcare allowance
- Financing family benefits
- Maternity/ paternity benefits
- Guaranteed right to return to work after maternity/ paternity leave
- Comparison of total tax burden by family type
- Transfer payments and tax privileges for parents depending on the family status
- General government outlays by function
- Universal basic skills – Economic impacts of achieving the basic skills goal by 2030
- Unemployment rates by level of educational attainment
- Statutory gross minimum wages in Europe
- Minimum wage exemption/ differentiation across groups in the European Union
- Value added tax exemptions
- Private insolvency laws in Europe

The interactive graphics application [Visual Storytelling](#) has been further expanded.

## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

### CEPAR & CESifo Workshops: Pension Taxation, Population Ageing, and Globalisation (Part 2, Munich)

3–4 September 2015, Munich

This conference will take the form of two inter-related and sequential workshops on Pension Taxation, Population Ageing, and Globalisation, organised jointly by CEPAR and CESifo. The first workshop will be a 2-day event in Sydney on November 17–18, 2014, at which first drafts of selected papers will be presented and the Australian perspective will get more attention. A second 2-day workshop will take place in Munich on September 3–4, 2015, where revised and further papers with a European/international perspective will be presented.

Scientific organisers: Prof. John Piggott, Ph.D., Prof. Dr. Robert Holzmann, Prof. em. Dr. Dr. h.c. Bernd Genser

### 5th “Regional Economics” Workshop

10–11 September 2015, Dresden

This year’s workshop on „Regional Economics“ is hosted by the Dresden branch of the Ifo Institute and jointly organized with the Technische Universität Braunschweig. The two-day workshop is supposed to provide a forum for the discussion of current research findings. Especially, it addresses itself to young scientists that are working in the field of regional economics.

Scientific organisers: Julia Heller, Jan Kluge, Christian Ochsner

### 2015 CESifo Area Conference on Economics of Education

11–12 September 2015, Munich

The 2015 CESifo Area Conference on the Economics of Education, organised by Eric A. Hanushek (Stanford University, Area Director) and Ludger Woessmann (Ifo Institute), aims to bring together Network members to discuss their recent research and to encourage broader interactions, particularly on both sides of the Atlantic. All CESifo research network members are invited to submit their papers, which may deal with any topic within the broad domain of the Economics of Education. The Jacobs Foundation Lecture will be delivered by Richard Freeman (Harvard University & NBER).

Scientific organisers: Prof. Eric A. Hanushek, Ph.D., Prof. Dr. Ludger Woessmann

## NEW BOOKS ON INSTITUTIONS

### The Euro Area Crisis in Constitutional Perspective

Alicia Hinarejos

Oxford University Press, 2015

### Reconstructing the World Trade Organization for the 21st Century

An Institutional Approach

Kent Jones

Oxford University Press, 2015

### Financial Markets and Institutions

A European Perspective

Jakob de Haan, Sander Oosterloo and Dirk Schoenmaker  
Cambridge University Press, 2015