

New at DICE Database

RECENT ENTRIES TO THE DICE DATABASES

In the fourth quarter of 2019, the DICE Database received a number of new entries, consisting partly of new topics and partly of updates. The list below features some of these new entries:

- Innovation Effort Indicators in Selected Countries
- Innovation Outcome Indicators in Selected Countries
- Government Deficit/Surplus
- FDI Flows



Forthcoming Conferences

10th ifo Conference on Macroeconomics and Survey Data

21–22 February 2020, Munich, Germany

The conference is intended to discuss ongoing research on survey and micro data and its role and usage in macroeconomics.

Papers (theoretical, empirical and/or policy-oriented) are actively solicited on issues such as (non-exhaustive list):

- usage of micro-data to address macroeconomic questions
- role of expectations for behavior (of firms or individuals)
- measuring and modeling of uncertainty and its effect on behavior and/or the business cycle
- transmission of cyclical fluctuations
- distributional effects of macroeconomic shocks
- heterogeneity and evaluation of policies
- labor markets and the business cycle
- methodology of business surveys and forecasting performance of survey/micro data in business-cycle research

Preference is given to papers over abstracts. There is no registration fee for presenters. There is a fee for non-presenters of 250 Euros. This sum covers all-day refreshments, lunch, and the conference dinner.

Scientific organizer: Klaus Wohlrabe

14th ifo Dresden Workshop on Macroeconomics & Business Cycle Research

27–28 March 2020, Dresden, Germany

We cordially invite all interested parties to submit their current research work on the following topics:

- Business cycles and financial integration
- Economic uncertainty
- International financial markets
- Sovereign default risk
- Capital flows, capital controls, and exchange rates
- Unconventional monetary policy

Each accepted contribution will be reviewed by another workshop participant. A total of 45 minutes is available for each paper for presentation, presentation and gen-

eral discussion. The annual workshop is jointly organized by the Dresden branch of the ifo Institute and the Dresden University of Technology. Further details can be found in the Call for Papers.

Scientific organizers: Stefan Eichler, Niels Gillmann, Robert Lehmann

10th ifo Dresden Workshop on Labor Economics and Social Policy

07–08 May 2020, Dresden, Germany

The ifo Institute, Dresden Branch, and the Technische Universität Dresden, announce the 10th ifo Dresden Workshop on Labor Economics and Social Policy. The workshop aims at facilitating the networking of young scientists and at promoting the exchange of their latest research. This year, preference is given to papers estimating causal effects of family policies, measures reducing gender differences in education and the labor market, and means of integrating migrants into the labor market. The workshop will be held in English. We specifically encourage PhD students and post-doctoral researchers to submit their latest research. Each paper will be allocated 45 minutes, to be divided between the presentation, a discussion by an assigned workshop participant and a general discussion. Please submit your (preliminary) paper by February 1st, 2020:

Scientific organizers: Alexander Kemnitz, Mona Förtsch, Katharina Heisig, Stefanie Knoll

Econometric Evaluation of School Reforms

15–16 May 2020, Munich, Germany

Trends in the global economy, technological change, and inequality pose fundamental challenges for the future of our societies. With its crucial role for future prosperity and cohesion, the educational achievement of the population promises an important lever for policy to empower people to face the societal challenges.

To better understand which educational policies can help improve the efficiency and equity of educa-

tion systems, this conference aims to bring together researchers who study how different school reforms affected student outcomes. We invite submissions that use convincing evaluation methods to estimate reform effects on short-run achievement or long-run life-course outcomes of affected students. Reform aspects under study may include different aspects of the length, structure, financing, curriculum, instruction, and examination of schooling. We are particularly interested in papers using differences-in-differences type analyses that exploit differences in the timing of reform implementation across regions within a country and in papers focusing on reforms of what is actually going on inside schools in terms of the content of school activities. The keynote lecture will be delivered by Joshua Angrist (MIT).

The conference is part of the project “Efficiency and Equity in Education: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from School Reforms across German States (EffEE)” generously funded by the Leibniz Association under its competitive procedure.

Scientific organizers: Ludger Woessmann, Larissa Zierow, Jutta Allmendinger, Marcel Helbig

New Books on Institutions

Meeting Globalization's Challenges: Policies to Make Trade Work for All

Luís Catão and Maurice Obstfeld
Princeton University Press, 2019

Artificial You: AI and the Future of Your Mind

Susan Schneider
Princeton University Press, 2019

Innovation + Equality - How to Create a Future That Is More Star Trek Than Terminator

Joshua Gans and Andrew Leigh
MIT Press, 2019