

ZEW Summer Workshop 2013

Current Fiscal Policy Challenges in Europe

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The Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW) is pleased to announce its 15th Summer Workshop for Young Economists. The 2013 workshop will focus on current fiscal policy challenges in Europe. The ZEW Summer Workshop provides a forum for discussion between advanced doctoral students and established researchers in their field of research. Young scholars who want to attend the workshop have to submit a paper. Papers should address one of the following (or related) fields:

- **Fiscal policy for growth** Most European countries are likely to face a period of sluggish economic growth. Fiscal policy is potentially important in this context to promote long-run growth, for instance through affecting the level of private R&D spending and investment. However, trade-offs inevitably arise as these objectives may conflict with fiscal consolidation.
- **Fiscal sustainability and fiscal governance** The sovereign debt crisis poses major challenges for governments in Europe, both for fiscal policy and fiscal governance in general. New institutions have already been established to overcome the current problems, but the effectiveness of these institutions remains subject to debate.
- **Tax competition, tax base erosion and cooperation in tax matters** In the context of globalisation, European countries compete intensively over mobile tax bases, both with their EU peers and with non-EU countries. Many governments also struggle to contain profit shifting to low-tax locations leading to significant tax base erosion.

Keynote Lecturers

- **Roel Beetsma** (Amsterdam School of Economics, the Netherlands)
- **Ruud de Mooij** (International Monetary Fund, USA)

Participants

Advanced doctoral students and postdocs within three years after completion of their thesis are encouraged to apply. All participants may apply for financial support to meet their travel and accommodation expenses. Please submit your paper and a CV to summerworkshop2013@zew.de no later than April 7, 2013.

Heinz König Young Scholar Award

During the summer workshop, the scholar younger than 35 years of age presenting the best paper will be honoured with the Heinz König Young Scholar Award. The award is sponsored by Dr. Fridolin Scheuerle. It includes an endowment of EUR 5,000 and a three-month research visit to ZEW. An award ceremony will conclude the workshop. The prize is named after the late founding director of ZEW, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Heinz König.

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