

Call for Papers

Fiscal Performance: The Role of Institutions and Politicians

11 and 12 April 2013, in Mannheim

Many industrial countries are characterised by poor fiscal performance. Public debt has reached an unsustainable level in numerous eurozone countries, but also in the US and in Japan. The provision of public goods and services often lacks efficiency. Tax systems regularly violate principles of economic efficiency and equity. This conference intends to explore the drivers of fiscal performance across all dimensions of fiscal policy. The approach is comprehensive. We invite contributions that analyse the role of institutions or focus on the individual characteristics of political actors.

More specifically, the event addresses the following topics (or closely related topics)

- ▶ Individual characteristics of politicians and fiscal performance
- ▶ Individual characteristics of politicians and general economic performance
- ▶ Measurement of individual fiscal preferences of voters and/or politicians
- ▶ Candidate selection
- ▶ Political careers
- ▶ Campaign financing
- ▶ Fiscal decision making in parliaments
- ▶ The role of fiscal rules
- ▶ Impact of the new European fiscal governance

We welcome contributions from theoretical and empirical economics (including experimental approaches) as well as from political science.

Keynote Speakers

Vincenzo Galasso (CEPR and Bocconi University, Italy)
Thomas Stratmann (George Mason University, United States)

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Paper Submission Procedure

You are invited to submit individual proposals for the conference. These should include an extended abstract or, preferably, the full paper. Submissions should be emailed as PDF file to aei2013@zew.de by February 15, 2013. Acceptance of proposals will be notified in early March 2013. Completed papers will be required no later than March 31, 2013. No conference fee will be charged for presenters. We will contribute to covering accommodation and travelling expenses for presenters of accepted papers.

Important Dates

- ▶ Electronic submission deadline: February 15, 2013
- ▶ Notification of acceptance before: March 5, 2013
- ▶ Final paper submission deadline: March 31, 2013

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