

## CALL FOR PAPERS

# The Economics of Digitization

Munich, 3-4 November 2017

CESifo is pleased to announce that a new Research Area on the [Economics of Digitization](#) has been established within the CESifo Network. This is the ninth area within the network, and it will be headed up by [Stephen P. Ryan](#), of the Washington University in St. Louis.

The area studies the societal and economic consequences of digitization. It has a wide scope of relevant research and its aim is to bring the leading researchers from both sides of the Atlantic working on topics in the relevant fields of economics (including, but not limited to, IO, big data, labour, growth, education, media, public finance and political economy).

For this years inaugural conference we invite any CESifo research network members, and non-network members, with an interest in the area to submit a paper for consideration.

The purpose of this conference is to bring together researchers from a broad range of economic disciplines to present and discuss ongoing research leveraging data sets made possible through the digitization of economic activity. The conference will have a focus on work at the intersection of digitization with public policy. Submissions may deal with any topic in digitization and public policy, including applied methodological work.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Stefan Bender from the Deutsche Bundesbank will deliver the keynote lecture on **Digitization, Privacy, and Publicly-Funded Research**.

### SUBMISSION DETAILS

The deadline for submissions (complete papers or 2-3 page abstracts) is **31 August 2017**. Preference will be given to complete papers. Please note that online submissions only will be accepted. Submissions may be completed using the following [link](#). Alternatively you may go to the conferences page on our website, and click on the conference name, which will lead you to the submission page.

Those who submitted papers / abstracts will be advised at the latest by **15 September** as to the status of their submission.

### CESIFO DISTINGUISHED YOUNG AFFILIATE AWARD

The Distinguished CESifo Affiliate prize, aimed at encouraging talented young scholars, will be awarded to the best paper presented by a young author at this conference. Candidates will be accepted from close to completion of their PhD, to no more than five years after having completed it. The same limit applies to co-authors in the case of papers with multiple authors. The criteria for the award are scientific originality, policy relevance and quality of exposition. The winning paper will appear in the CESifo Working Paper Series and the prize winner will receive a €2000 prize.

All CESifo Research Fellows are welcome to nominate candidates for the award (please note that it is not mandatory for candidates to be from the research network). To nominate a candidate, a CESifo Research Fellow must submit the nominee's paper to Stephen Ryan, Washington University in St. Louis ([stephen.p.ryan@wustl.edu](mailto:stephen.p.ryan@wustl.edu)), along with a brief letter explaining the motivation for the nomination. The deadline for nominations is 15 September 2017.

#### **CONFERENCE DETAILS**

CESifo will provide accommodation, and reimburse economy travel costs for those who receive official notification that their paper has been accepted for the programme. All papers presented at the conference will appear in the CESifo Working Paper Series. Other network members are invited to attend, but are expected to provide their own funding for travel and accommodation.

Further questions regarding the organization and scientific content of the conference should be addressed to the conference organiser, Stephen Ryan, Washington University in St. Louis ([stephen.p.ryan@wustl.edu](mailto:stephen.p.ryan@wustl.edu))

**Conference Venue:** CESifo Group Munich, Poschingerstrasse 5, 81679 Munich, Germany

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