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## Welcome to the 2013 Meeting of the European Public Choice Society in Zurich!

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society here at the ETH Zurich and organized by the KOF Swiss Economic Institute. During the next few days we hope not only to be able to provide you with a very interesting academic program covering the fields of Public Choice and Political Economy, but also with a social program that will allow you to look back at this event with pleasure and an extended network.


When we set out to organize this meeting, we did not foresee such an enormous interest. Capacity constraints did force us to reject more than half of the submissions. The necessary rigorous reviewing process would not have been possible without the current board of the EPCS taking up the role as scientific committee and carefully supporting us in the selection process.

We are especially proud to be able to present three excellent keynote speakers during the next few days: Alberto Alesina (Harvard University), Andrew Oswald (Warwick University) and Torsten Persson (Stockholm University). Their talks will for sure constitute one of the highlights of the scientific part of the conference.

Aside from the academic program, we hope that you will also have time to enjoy the beautiful city of Zurich. This is a place that you will appreciate most by strolling through the old town and along the lake side. Our social program has been designed as such that you will have the opportunity to both enhance your academic network and get a good overview of what Zurich has to offer to its guests. This program would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors, the UBS, the Swiss National Science Foundation, the Canton of Zurich, and the City of Zurich.

We hope that the conference—and Zurich—will make your journey worthwhile. This booklet contains important details of the conference and helps you find your way during your stay in Zurich. For any remaining questions, please visit the Registration Desk (Foyer on floor E) or the Conference Office (F33.2) in the ETH main building.

Kind regards,



Prof. Dr. Jan-Egbert Sturm  
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## Program Overview

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### *Wednesday, April 3*

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15:00	Beginning Registration, Foyer (floor E)
15:55	Welcome Address by Jan-Egbert Sturm, F30
16:00-17:00	Keynote Speech by Alberto Alesina, Harvard University: “Fiscal Policy after the Great Recession”, F30
17:15-18:45	Parallel Sessions A1-A10
19:00	Welcome Drinks, Dozentenfoyer (Floor J)

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### *Thursday, April 4*

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8:30-10:00	Parallel Sessions B1-B10
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break
10:30-11:30	Keynote Speech by Andrew Oswald, Warwick University: “Herd Behaviour in Humans and Other Animals”, F30
11:45-13:15	Parallel Sessions C1-C10
13:15-15:00	Lunch Break
15:00-17:00	Parallel Sessions D1-D10
18:00	Gala Dinner (Restaurant Uto Kulm, Uetliberg)—meet 17:10 at Polyterrasse

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### *Friday, April 5*

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9:15-11:15	Parallel Sessions E1-E11
11:15-11:45	Coffee Break
11:45-12:45	Keynote Speech by Torsten Persson, Stockholm University: “Gender Quotas and the Crisis of the Mediocre Man: Theory and Evidence from Sweden”, F30
12:45-13:45	Lunch Break
13:45-15:15	Parallel Sessions F1-F10
15:30-21:00	Social Event—Meet 15:30 at Polyterrasse

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### *Saturday, April 6*

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9:00-10:30	Parallel Sessions G1-G11
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	Parallel Sessions H1-H11
12:45-13:15	EPCS General Assembly, F30
Afternoon	Optional Trip to Lucerne

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# Conference

## Conference Venue



The academic activities of the conference will take place at the main building of the ETH Zurich (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology), Rämistrasse 101, 8092 Zurich. The Registration/Information Desk is located in the main entrance hall. All Parallel Sessions are in the conference rooms which are spread across the three floors E, F and G in the main building. The rooms are easily accessible from the main hall. The room numbers on floor E are: E23 and E1.2. On floor F: F30 (Auditorium Maximum), F33.1, F26.1, F26.3, F26.5, and F33.5; and on floor G there are G26.1, G26.3, and G26.5. Please see the map inside the cover page at the back of this booklet for further information. Room F30—frequently called the Audimax—is the largest room where all plenary sessions (keynote speeches) and the EPCS General Assembly will take place. Coffee breaks take place in front of F30. Exhibitors's stands are also located in this area.

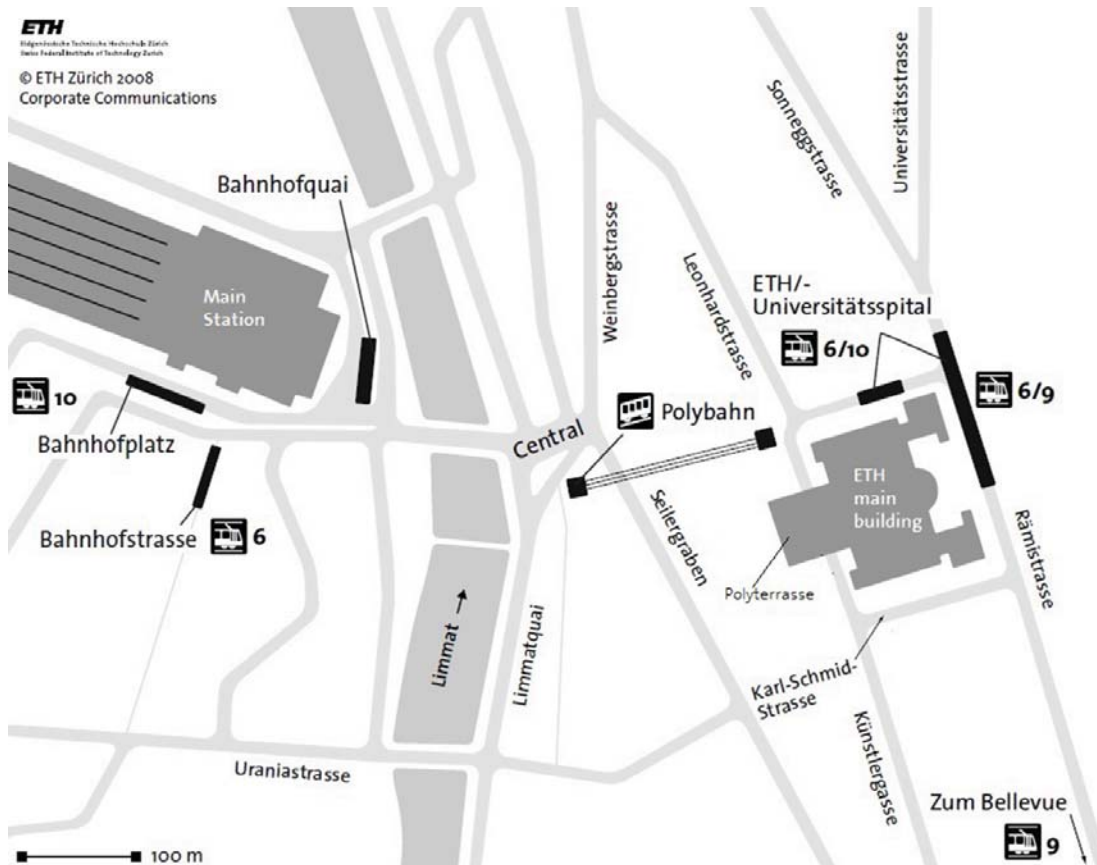
## Registration Desk

The Registration/Information Desk in the Foyer on floor E is open during the following hours:

- Wednesday: 15:00-18:00
- Thursday: 8:30-17:00
- Friday: 9:00-15:30
- Saturday: 9:00-13:00

## Conference Office

The Conference Office is located on floor F in room F33.2 and has the same opening times as the Registration Desk (see above).



## Helpline

In case you need support and cannot reach us via the Registration Desk (Foyer on floor E) or the Conference Office (F33.2), please use our helpline: +41 (0)76 613 77 59.

## Keynote Speeches

The EPCS is pleased to present Alberto Alesina, Andrew Oswald, and Torsten Persson as keynote speakers.

## Parallel Sessions

We have assigned a chairperson to each Parallel Session. His or her job is to start the session on time and supervise that:

- each presenter has at most 20 minutes to present the paper;
- the discussant has at most 5 minutes to discuss the paper;
- there are at least 5 minutes for general discussion;
- and the total time for one paper does not exceed 30 minutes.

## Wicksell Prize

This year's Wicksell Prize, in honour of the Swedish economist Johan Gustaf Knut Wicksell, will be awarded to the best paper presented by an author younger than 30 years of age as of December 31, 2012. The Wicksell Prize is kindly sponsored by the European Journal of Political Economy published by Elsevier. This year the Wicksell prize selection committee consists of Henrik Jordahl, Fabio Padovano and Heinrich Ursprung. The prize winner will be announced during the Gala Dinner at Restaurant Uto Kulm on Thursday evening.

## Internet Access (WLAN)

Wireless internet access is available in all conference rooms and anywhere else in the main building. To use the WLAN a login is required. Please follow these instructions:

- check for available WLAN
- connect to WLAN "public"
- open browser and log in:
  - Login: EPCS2013
  - Password: kofethz+

For those coming from participating institutions, you can also access the internet via your eduroam account ([www.eduroam.org](http://www.eduroam.org)).

## Lunch Breaks

For Thursday and Friday, you will receive lunch vouchers which you may **ONLY** use in the main Cafeteria (Mensa Polyterrasse). A voucher includes:

- a main course (choose from a variety of vegetarian and non-vegetarian menus)
- a side salad, soup or apple purée
- a soft drink

## Coffee Breaks

Between parallel sessions, coffee is offered on floor F in front of the Audimax (F30).

## Cloakroom

Suitcases can be stored in room F33.3 (next to the conference office) without liability to the organizing committee. This room is accessible during conference times but not locked.



## **ATMs**

ATMs are close to the Mensa Polyterrasse: Leave the ETH main building through the back entrance (direction Polybahn). Once outside the main entrance turn right, then go down first flight of stairs to your left. Upon entering the building turn right and walk down the corridor. To your left you will find ATMs.

## **Smoking**

Smoking is prohibited everywhere in all university buildings.

## Social Program

We have planned a range of events to enable you to get to know Zurich, which are all covered by your registration fee, except for the optional trip on the last day of the conference.

### Welcome Drinks

On Wednesday, March 3, a Welcome Reception will be offered in the Dozentenfoyer of ETH Zurich from where you will have a lovely view over the city. The Dozentenfoyer is located on Floor J in the ETH main building. The Reception starts at 19:00. To get there you have to take the elevator to floor J and follow the signs. Please leave your jackets outside—otherwise it will become too crowded. Also, please note that all entrance doors of the ETH building close after 22:00. If you wish to leave after 22:00 you can only use the front (main) door next to the Registration Desk that leads to “Rämistrasse”.

### Gala Dinner

On Thursday, March 4, you are invited to our Gala Dinner. We will meet outside the ETH main building (Polyterrasse) at 17:10 and from there walk to the main station. The train S10 (direction “Uetliberg”) leaves at 17:35 from platform 2. If you miss this train you can catch the next one at 18:05. We will get off at the final stop “Uetliberg” and walk to the restaurant Uto Kulm. **It is not recommendable to wear (high) heels.** Before dinner we will have drinks outside (if the weather permits). We offer a 3-course meal that also includes wine, beer, soft drinks and coffee/tea. During dinner the Wicksell Prize for the best paper presented at the conference by an author younger than 30 years will be awarded.

**Please make sure to bring your voucher and the train ticket that you will find in your conference bag. Trains back to the city leave every half hour—the last train departs at 23:36!**

### Guided City Tour and Boat Trip

On Friday, March 6, you are very welcome to join us for a guided city tour in the afternoon. Afterwards, we will take a boat trip on Lake Zurich. The guided city tour will start at 15:30 from the “Polyterrasse” outside the ETH main building. The tour finishes at 17:30 at Zurich Bürkliplatz from where the boat trip starts at 18:00. If you are NOT participating in the guided city tour and want to join for the boat trip, please make sure to be at Zurich Bürkliplatz by 17:45 the latest. The boat leaves at 18:00 and will not wait! During the boat trip you will not only have the chance to view a spectacular scenery but you will also be served a typical Swiss dinner: cheese fondue. Please note that drinks on the boat are **NOT** included. You may purchase these separately on the boat.

**Please bring along your voucher for the boat trip!**

## **Trip to Lucerne**

On Saturday, March 6, we offer a guided trip to Lucerne. Please note that the costs of this event are not covered by your registration fee. The costs for this trip are CHF 50, covering a return train ticket from Zurich to Lucerne. At 13:15 we will walk jointly from the ETH main building to the train station. Our train to Lucerne leaves at 13:35. In Lucerne you have the opportunity to visit the museum of transport or simply take a stroll around this beautiful city. At 17:00 we will meet in front of the station in Lucerne and then take the 17:10 train back to Zurich. If you have not registered for the optional trip to Lucerne but would like to join, then please come and see us at the Registration Desk or at the Conference Office.

## About Zurich

### Public Transport

Public transport with tram or bus is the most convenient way to get around Zurich. For information and timetables please visit [www.zvv.ch/en](http://www.zvv.ch/en).

Tickets will allow you to use the tram, bus, train, ship and the Polybahn (going up from Zurich Central to Polyterrasse, the terrace in front of ETH). If you want to travel within the city you need to choose a ticket for zone 110. We suggest to buy a 24 h Day Pass (CHF 8.40). If you intend to leave the city (e.g., to go to the airport) you will need a zone upgrade (airport: 1-2 zones). There are ticket vending machines at all tram and bus stops. Tickets need to be bought prior to getting on public transport (it is not possible to buy tickets on the tram, bus, train, ship or Polybahn).

### Taxi

Local taxis can be ordered at the participant's own expense by calling: +41 44 777 77 77. Please note that taxis are quite expensive in Switzerland.

### Bicycles

If you want to explore Zurich by bike you can rent bikes for free (deposit: 20 CHF) with "Züri rollt". There are different spots around the city to rent a bike:

- Main Station at the Landesmuseum
- Main Station south exit at the Sihlpost
- Bellevue
- Bahnhofstrasse in front of "Globus" (department store)

### What to See in Zurich

- *Fraumünster Church*: At this former Benedictine abbey you can see stained glass windows from Augusto Giacometti and Chagall.
- *St. Peter Church*: St. Peter has the biggest church clock in Europe, indicating the time all over the city. Visit also the lovely forecourt (St. Peter-Hofstatt).
- *Bahnhofstrasse*: One of the nicest shopping areas in Zurich and also one of the most expensive in the world. Starting at the Main Station, the Bahnhofstrasse leads you directly to the lake.
- *Bürkliplatz / Lakeside Promenade*: At the Bürkliplatz you find the ships for a trip on the lake but you can also take a walk along the lake and enjoy the view of the Alps.

- *Niederdorf*: The old town of Zurich between Central and Bellevue. The “Dörfli” has narrow little alleys, restaurants, bars, little shops and medieval atmosphere.
- *Limmatquai*: Walking along the river Limmat you can see the Baroque town hall (Rathaus) and the Helmhaus with the legendary water church (Wasserkirche).
- *Lindenhof*: Enjoy on the former site of a Roman fortress the magnificent view on the Old Town and the Limmat.
- *Zurich West*: Explore the new part of the city. On the former industrial area the Prime Tower, built by Gison/Guyer, is with 126m the highest building in Zurich. Zurich West is known for its vibrant culture and clubs. You can also visit the Freitag shop, which is situated in a house built from containers, or the Viadukt with its shops, market hall and restaurants.
- *Uetliberg*: From the “local mountain” (summit: 870 m) you can enjoy the panoramic view on the city and the lake. (This is where the gala dinner is taking place)

## Restaurants

For a detailed list of restaurants please check the brochure “Zurich Guide” which you can find in your conference bag. If you want to go to a restaurant close to the conference venue:

- *Rubina*: Small restaurant with a nice atmosphere of a Swiss garden restaurant. Offers Swiss cuisine with Mediterranean influence. The menu is small but includes meat, fish and vegetarian meals.  
Universitätstrasse 56, 8006 Zurich, Phone: 044 350 30 15, [www.restaurant-rubina.ch](http://www.restaurant-rubina.ch)
- *Palmhof*: Casual and pleasant atmosphere. Offers seasonal food from the Zurich region. The menu is a mix of international and Swiss cuisine.  
Universitätstrasse 23, 8006 Zürich, Phone: 044 261 69 90, [www.palmhof.ch](http://www.palmhof.ch)
- *Mesa*: Ideal for a special occasion. Two star (18 Gault Millau points) restaurant with a menu that changes regularly.  
Weinbergstrasse 75, 8006 Zürich, Phone: 043 321 75 75, [www.mesa-restaurant.ch](http://www.mesa-restaurant.ch)
- *Drei Stuben*: The hidden restaurant gives you the impression of a Swiss countryside restaurant. All of the three wooden rooms have a cosy atmosphere. The menu is a mix of a new interpretation of Swiss and international cooking.  
Beckenhofstrasse 5, 8006 Zürich, Phone 044 350 33 00, [www.dreistuben.ch](http://www.dreistuben.ch)
- *Kreis 6 Restaurant*: Another garden restaurant with a casual and warm atmosphere. Serves Mediterranean and classic Swiss meals.  
Scheuchzerstrasse 65, 8006 Zürich, Phone 044 362 80 06, [www.restaurantkreis6.ch](http://www.restaurantkreis6.ch)
- *Hot Pasta*: Looking for good pasta and a casual atmosphere? Then the Hot Pasta restaurant is the place you are looking for. Choose your own dish from a variety of pastas and sauces and enjoy.  
Universitätsstrasse 15, 8006 Zürich, Phone 043 535 76 65, [www.hotpasta.ch](http://www.hotpasta.ch)

## Scientific Program

Wednesday, April 3

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Welcome Address by Jan-Egbert Sturm    15:55-16:00    F30

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### Plenary Session 1

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Keynote Speech    16:00-17:00

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Session Chair: Arye Hillmann    F30

Title

Presenter

Fiscal Policy after the Great Recession

Alberto Alesina, Harvard University

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**Sessions A1-A10, Wednesday, April 3, 17:15-18:45**


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**A1: Intra-state Violence** **G26.3**


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**Session Chair: Jean-Paul Azam**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Clausewitz on Auctions	Samuel Häfner, University of Basel	Jean-Paul Azam
Evaluating Violence	Christophe Muller, Aix-Marseille University	Samuel Häfner
Provoking Insurgency in a Federal State: Theory and Application to India	Jean-Paul Azam, Toulouse School of Economics	Christophe Muller

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**A2: Economic Growth - Theory** **G26.5**


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**Session Chair: Ingrid Ott**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Are Educational Reforms Necessary Growth-Enhancing? Weak Institutions as the Cause of Policy Failures	Ivan Lyubimov, Tinbergen Institute, Erasmus School of Economics	Ingrid Ott
Taxation, Innovation and Entrepreneurship	Ulrich Schetter, CER, ETH Zurich	Ivan Lyubimov
Policy Coordination and Economic Growth	Ingrid Ott, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	Ulrich Schetter

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**A3: Culture and Religion** **G26.1**


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**Session Chair: Erich Gundlach**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Cultural Diversity a Barrier to Riches?	Gunes Gokmen, Bocconi University	Raphael Franck
We Are One People – And So Are They! Religious Heterogeneity and Fiscal Policy: Evidence from German Reunification	Joshua Holm, Vrije Universiteit Brussel	Mario Ferrero
From Religion to Democracy	Erich Gundlach, GIGA and University of Hamburg	Ronald Wintrobe

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**A4: Rent-seeking****F33.1**

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**Session Chair: George Tridimas**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Rent-seeking Group Contests with One-sided Private Information	Lambert Schoonbeek, University of Groningen	Pim Heijnen
Signaling in a Rent-seeking Contest with One-sided Asymmetric Information	Pim Heijnen, University of Groningen	Lambert Schoonbeek
Rent Extraction and Rent Seeking in Ancient Athens	George Tridimas, University of Ulster	Athanassios Pitsoulis

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**A5: European Policies****F26.1**

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**Session Chair: Sarah Guillou**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Corporatism, the Game Changer: The Intermediating Effect of Privileged Interest Representation on the Determinants of Labour Market Reform in Europe	Maximilian Freier, London School of Economics	Sarah Guillou
Does the CAP Cap Agricultural Spending in the EU?	Florian Misch, ZEW (Centre for European Economic Research)	Maximilian Freier
European Demands for Industrial Policy	Sarah Guillou, SciencesPo Paris	Florian Misch

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**A6: International Trade****F26.3**

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**Session Chair: Alexander Keck**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
On the Path to Trade Liberalization: Political Regimes in International Trade Negotiations	Florian Mölders, DIW Berlin	Martin Bresslein
Surrender Your Market! How the G5 Countries Use World Bank Trade Conditionality to Promote Trade	Martin Bresslein, University of Trier	Alexander Keck
New Evidence on Preference Utilization	Alexander Keck, WTO	Peter Egger



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**A7: Migration and Crime****F26.5**

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**Session Chair: Thomas Bassetti**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Structural Equation Approach on International Human Trafficking	Alexandra Rudolph, Heidelberg University	Gemma Larramona
Do Regularization Programs of Illegal Immigrants have a Magnet Effect? Evidence from Spain	Gemma Larramona, Universidad de Zaragoza	Thomas Bassetti
Do Immigrants Make Us Safer? A Model on Crime, Immigration and the Labour Market	Thomas Bassetti, University of Padova	Alexandra Rudolph

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**A8: Debt Brakes****F33.5**

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**Session Chair: Christoph Schröder**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Sustainability of Public Debt in Germany: Historical Considerations and Times Series Evidence	Ekkehard A Koehler, Walter Eucken Instiut	Christoph Schröder
Shift of Public Expenditures Through Debt Brakes: The Swiss Experience	Heiko Burret, Walter Eucken Institut	Christoph Schaltegger
Will the German Debt Brake Succeed? Survey Evidence from State Politicians	Christoph Schröder, ZEW (Centre for European Economic Research)	Ekkehard Koehler

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**A9: Local Government****E23**

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**Session Chair: Lukas Schötz**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Central Targets and Local Preferences: Missing Lisbon 2010	Veronica Grembi, Catholic University of Milan	Geert Jennes
Politics and the Spatial Distribution of Publicly Provided Private Goods: The Case of School Education in India	Subham Kailthya, University of Reading	Fabio Sanchez-Torres
Quality in Local Politics: Is Selection Caused by Remuneration? Quasi-experimental Evidence from Germany.	Lukas Schötz, University of Passau	Friedrich Heinemann

**A10: Taxation and Redistribution****E1.2**

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**Session Chair: Alex Cukierman**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Tax Policy and Income Inequality in the U.S., 1979-2007: A Decomposition Approach	Mathias Dolls, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)	Alex Cukierman
The Long Run Effect of Taxes on the Distribution of Top Income Shares: An Empirical Investigation	Christoph Gorgas, University of Lucerne	Mathias Dolls
The Political Economy of Redistribution in the U.S. in the Aftermath of World War II and the Delayed Impacts of the Great Depression: Evidence and Theory	Alex Cukierman, Tel-Aviv University and Interdisciplinary Center	Christoph Gorgas

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**19:00 Welcome Drinks**, “Dozentenfoyer”, floor J of the ETH main building

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**Sessions B1-B10, Thursday, April 4, 8:30-10:00**


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**B1: Fiscal Consolidation** **G26.3**


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**Session Chair: Vitor Castro**

Title	Presenter	Discussant
Flexibility of Deficit Ceiling and Income Fluctuation	Toshihiro Ihuri, University of Tokyo	Vitor Castro
The Design of National Fiscal Frameworks and their Budgetary Impact	Wolf Heinrich Reuter, Vienna University of Economics and Business	Toshihiro Ihuri
What Determines the Duration of a Fiscal Consolidation Program?	Vitor Castro, University of Coimbra	Wolf Heinrich Reuter

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**B2: Pork Barrel Politics** **G26.5**


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**Session Chair: Peter Egger**

Title	Presenter	Discussant
Auctions versus Negotiations in Public Procurement: The Implication of Political Scrutiny	Eshien Chong, Chaire, EPPP, IAE de Paris	Bengt-Arne Wickström
Sending the Pork Home: Birth Town Bias in Transfers to Italian Municipalities	Felipe Carozzi, CEMFI	Eshien Chong
Do Political Parties Curb Pork-barrel Spending? Municipality-level Evidence from Germany	Peter Egger, KOF, ETH Zurich	Felipe Carozzi

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**B3: Religion** **G26.1**


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**Session Chair: Ronald Wintrobe**

Title	Presenter	Discussant
Resilient Religiosity under Increased Public Spending: Evidence from School Choice in Late 19th Century France	Raphael Franck, Bar Ilan University	Erich Gundlach
Thresholds in Religion: Christianity, Judaism, and Islam	Mario Ferrero, Department of Public Policy and Public Choice, University of Eastern Piedmont	Gunes Gokmen
Zen Buddhist Logic and Economic Logic, Part 1 of Adam Smith and the Buddha	Ronald Wintrobe, University of Western Ontario	Ekkart Zimmermann

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**B4: Democracy and the Macro-economy****F33.1**

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**Session Chair: Melise Jaud**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Rewarding Democratization? The Dynamics of General Budget Support in the Wake of Democratic Transition	Bernhard Reinsberg, University of Zurich	Leonel Muinelo Gallo
Democratization and Real Exchange Rates	Benjamin Furlan, University of Salzburg	Richard Jong-A-Pin
Regime Change, Democracy and Growth	Melise Jaud, World Bank	Rasmus Thönnessen

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**B5: The Revolving Door****F26.1**

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**Session Chair: Christoph Moser**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Promiscuous Elites and Economic Development	Elise Brezis, Bar-Ilan University	Miltos Makris
The Value of the Revolving Door: Political Appointees and the Stock Market	Simon Luechinger, University of Lucerne	Marc Sangnier
Commissioners for Sale? Stock Market Reactions to Private Sector Appointments of Former EU Commissioners	Christoph Moser, KOF, ETH Zurich	Garmann Sebastian

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**B6: E(M)U****E1.2**

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**Session Chair: Barbara Dluhosch**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Eurozone Needs Exit Rules	Cezary Wójcik, Warsaw School of Economics	Barbara Dluhosch
Macroeconomic Imbalances in the Euro Area: A Matter of Culture?	Sascha Buetzer, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München	Cezary Wójcik
EU Enlargement and Satisfaction with Democracy: A Peculiar Case of Immiserising Growth	Barbara Dluhosch, Helmut Schmidt University	Sascha Buetzer

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**B7: Ideology** **E23**


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**Session Chair: Thushyanthan Baskaran**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Tuition Fees and Government Ideology: Evidence from the German states	Björn Kauder, ifo Institute	Thushyanthan Baskaran
What Moves Political Ideology? An Economic Analysis of Electoral Volatility in France since 1889	François Facchini, Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne	Björn Kauder
Ideology and Fiscal Policy: Quasi-experimental Evidence from the German States	Thushyanthan Baskaran, University of Göttingen	François Facchini

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**B8: Financial Markets** **F33.5**


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**Session Chair: Elena Seghezze**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Sovereign Bond Market Reactions to Fiscal Rules and No-bailout Clauses: The Swiss Experience	Marc-Daniel Moessinger, ZEW Mannheim (Centre for European Economic Research)	Thomas Jeegers
The Efficiency of the Stock Market during Political Crises: The Case of Belgium	Thomas Jeegers, Catholic University of Louvain	Elena Seghezze
Financial Globalization and Central Banks' Reforms in Emerging Countries	Elena Seghezze, University of Genoa	Marc-Daniel Moessinger

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**B9: Coalitions** **F26.5**


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**Session Chair: Peter Kurrild-Klitgaard**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Competition in Fragmentation among Political Coalitions: Theory and Evidence	Benoît Le Maux, University of Rennes 1, Faculté des Sciences Economiques	Norman Schofield
Modelling Elections with Varying Party Bundles: An Application to the 2004 Canadian Election	Norman Schofield, Washington University in Saint Louis	Peter Kurrild-Klitgaard
Election Inversions, Coalitions and Proportional Representation: Examples of Voting Paradoxes in Danish Government Formations	Peter Kurrild-Klitgaard, University of Copenhagen	Benoît Le Maux

**B10: Politicians****F26.3**

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**Session Chair: Marko Köthenbürger**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Political Leader Survival: Does Competence Matter?	Shu Yu, University of Groningen	Marko Köthenbürger
Does Political Competition Reduce the Selection of Self-serving Politicians?	Alois Stutzer, University of Basel	Shu Yu
Do Electoral Rules Make Legislators Differently Responsive to Fiscal Transfers: Evidence from German Municipalities	Marko Köthenbürger, KOF, ETH Zurich	Alois Stutzer

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**10:00-10:30 Coffee break in front of room F30**

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## Plenary Session 2

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**Keynote Speech**

**10:30-11:30**

**Session Chair: Heinrich Ursprung**

**F30**

**Title**

**Presenter**

Herd Behaviour in Humans and Other Animals

Andrew Oswald, Warwick University

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**Sessions C1-C10, Thursday, April 4, 11:45-13:15**


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**C1: Monetary Politics** **G26.3**


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**Session Chair: Alessandro Riboni**

Title	Presenter	Discussant
The Monetary Policy Council and the Governing Council: Two Peas in a Pod	Matthias Neuenkirch, RWTH Aachen University	Alessandro Riboni
Does the Greenspan Era Provide Evidence on Leadership in the FOMC?	Alexander Jung, European Central Bank	Matthias Neuenkirch
Dissent in Monetary Policy Decisions	Alessandro Riboni, Ecole Polytechnique	Alexander Jung

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**C2: “Buying” Elections** **G26.5**


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**Session Chair: Henrik Jordahl**

Title	Presenter	Discussant
Partisan Targeting of Intergovernmental Transfers & State Interference in Local Elections: Evidence from Spain	Pilar Sorribas, Universitat de Barcelona	Henrik Jordahl
The Effect of Remittances Prior to an Election	Mathilde Maurel, Centre d’Economie de la Sorbonne	Pilar Sorribas
The Impact of Grants on Election Outcomes: Evidence from Swedish Municipalities	Henrik Jordahl, Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN)	Mathilde Maurel

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**C3: Political Economy of Aid I** **G26.1**


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**Session Chair: Axel Dreher**

Title	Presenter	Discussant
Development Aid as Expressive Giving	Niklas Potrafke, University of Munich / ifo Institute	Audrey Menard
The Effect of Donors Aid Policy Coherence on Growth	Aurore Gary, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne	Kurt Annen
Geopolitics, Aid, and Growth	Vera Eichenauer, Heidelberg University	Hristos Doucouliagos



**C4: Direct Legislation****F33.1****Session Chair: Zohal Hessami**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
An Empirical Analysis of Secession: Evidence from a Canadian Natural Experiment	Simon Lapointe, University of Fribourg	Zohal Hessami
Signature Collection in Direct Democracies: Lessons from the Swiss Initiative Process from 1891 to 2010	Christian Marti, University of St.Gallen	Simon Lapointe
Package Deals in Swiss Direct Legislation: Do They Hinder or Facilitate Political Reforms?	Zohal Hessami, University of Konstanz	Christian Marti

**C5: The European Crisis**

E1.2

**Session Chair: Charles B. Blankart**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Will TARGET2-balances be Reduced again after an End of the Crisis?	Christian Fahrholz, Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena	Erich Weede
Is Germany Likely to be Overburdened in the Euro Crisis?	Erich Weede, University of Bonn	Charles B. Blankart
Oil and Vinegar: A Fiscal Theory of the Euro Crisis	Charles B. Blankart, University of Lucerne and Humboldt-University Berlin	Christian Fahrholz

**C6: Social Protection****F26.1****Session Chair: Lukas Kauer**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Generational Conflict and Labor Market Turnover: A Tale of Employment Protection and Retirement Age	Marco Magnani, Università degli Studi di Parma	Lukas Kauer
Preferences for Social Protection: Theory and Empirics	Debora Di Gioacchino, Sapienza University of Rome	Marco Magnani
The Effect of Cutting Disability Insurance Benefits on Labor Supply in Households	Lukas Kauer, University of St.Gallen	Debora Di Gioacchino

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**C7: Labour Market****E23**

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**Session Chair: Francesco Forte**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Labour Market Policy and Post-Unemployment Employment Stability: Extending the Disincentive Story	Melike Wulfgramm, University of Bremen and IZA	Pantelis Kammas
The Effects of Social Security Taxes and Minimum Wages on Employment: Evidence from Turkey	Kerry Papps, University of Bath	Elena Nikolova
High Deficits and High Taxation Create Unemployment: Evidence from OECD Countries (1981-2009)	Francesco Forte, Dept. of Economics and Law, Sapienza University of Rome	Fulvio Fontini

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**C8: Tax Competition****F33.5**

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**Session Chair: Marcel Gerard**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Interregional Tax Competition, Environmental Standards, and the Direction of Strategic Delegation	Yukihiro Nishimura, Graduate School of Economics, Osaka University	Ivo Bischoff
Culture and Taxes: Towards Identifying Tax Competition	Beatrix Eugster, University of St.Gallen	Marcel Gerard
Tax Interaction among Walloon Municipalities: Is there Room for Yardstick Competition, Intellectual Trend and Partisan Monopoly Effect?	Marcel Gerard, Université catholique de Louvain	Beatrix Eugster

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**C9: Extremism****F26.5**

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**Session Chair: Davide Ticchi**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Immigration and Voting for the Extreme Right	Martin Halla, Vienna University of Economics and Business	Davide Ticchi
Extreme Parties and Political Rents	R. Emre Aytimur, University of Goettingen	Martin Halla
A Theory of Political Entrenchment	Davide Ticchi, IMT Institute for Advanced Studies Lucca	R. Emre Aytimur

**C10: Fiscal Discipline I****F26.3**

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**Session Chair: Athanassios Pitsoulis**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Fiscal Adjustments and the Probability of Sovereign Default	Martin Weder, University of Lucerne	Markus Reischmann
Political Institutions and Fiscal Adjustments: Does It Matter that Earlier Results Depend on Arbitrary Filters to Detect Adjustments?	Jakob de Haan, University of Groningen and De Nederlandsche Bank	Florian Chatagny
The Strategic Use of Deficits: Experimental Evidence from a Comparison of Political Extreme Groups	Athanassios Pitsoulis, University of Hildesheim	Justin Valasek

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**13:15 Lunch is served in the Mensa Polyterrasse. Please present your lunch voucher at the cashier!**

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**Sessions D1-D10, Thursday, April 4, 15:00-17:00**


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<b>D1: Personal Economics</b>		<b>G26.3</b>
<b>Session Chair: Katja Rost</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Moonlighting Politicians: Motivation Matters!	Alessandro Fedele, Free University of Bolzano	Katja Rost
Voters Prefer More Qualified Mayors, but does It Matter for Public Finances?	Sebastian Thomasius, Freie Universität Berlin	Florian Neumeier
Political Leaders' Socioeconomic Background and Fiscal Performance in Germany	Florian Neumeier, Philipps University Marburg	Sebastian Thomasius
Ownership, Visibility and Effort: Golf Handicaps as Proxies for Managers' Effort	Katja Rost, University Zurich	Alessandro Fedele

<b>D2: Direct Democracy</b>		<b>G26.5</b>
<b>Session Chair: Mario Jametti</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Direct Democracy and Public Finances: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Bavaria	Zareh Asatryan, University of Freiburg, Centre for European Economic Research	Agnese Sacchi
Is Direct Democracy a Problem or a Promise for Fiscal Outcomes? The Case of the United States	Agnese Sacchi, Roma Tre University	Désirée Teobaldelli
Beyond the Veil of Ignorance: The Influence of Direct Democracy on the Shadow Economy	Désirée Teobaldelli, University of Urbino	Mario Jametti
How to Tame Two Leviathans? Revisiting the Effect of Direct Democracy on Local Public Expenditure	Mario Jametti, University of Lugano	Zareh Asatryan

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<b>D3: Politics and the Private Sector</b>		<b>G26.1</b>
<b>Session Chair: Miltos Makris</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Impacts of Political Majorities on French Firms: Electoral Promises or Friendship Connections?	Marc Sangnier, Aix-Marseille School of Economics	Christoph Moser
Elected or Appointed? How the Nomination Scheme of the City Manager Influences the Council Size Effect	Garmann Sebastian, TU Dortmund	Ulrich Matter
Do Lawyer-Legislators Protect Their Business? Evidence from Voting Behavior on Tort Reforms	Ulrich Matter, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Basel	Simon Luechinger
Pandering to the Market? Revisiting Bureaucrats and Politicians with Career Concerns	Miltos Makris, University of Southampton	Elise Brezis

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<b>D4: Trust</b>		<b>E1.2</b>
<b>Session Chair: Christian Bjørnskov</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Globalization and Political Trust	Justina A.V. Fischer, University of Mannheim and University of Oradea	Maoliang Ye
Does Gradualism Build Trust? Evidence from a Multi-round Experiment	Maoliang Ye, Renmin University of China	Christian Bjørnskov
Participation in Organizations, Trust, and Social Capital Formation: Evidence from Chile	Benjamin Villena-Roldan, University of Chile	Justina A.V. Fischer
Social Trust Fosters an Ability to Help Those in Need: Jewish Refugees in the Nazi Era	Christian Bjørnskov, Aarhus University	Benjamin Villena-Roldan

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**D5: Voters****F33.1**

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**Session Chair: Hans Gersbach**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Electoral Fraud and Voter Turnout	Vardan Baghdasaryan, Catholic University of Milan	Morgane Tanvé
Horizontal Competition in Multi-level Governmental Settings	Pierre Salmon, Université de Bourgogne	Hans Gersbach
Ambiguity & Abstention	Morgane Tanvé, University Lille 1	Vardan Baghdasaryan
Higher Bars for Incumbents and Experience	Hans Gersbach, ETH Zurich	Pierre Salmon

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**D6: Democracy and Legislation****F26.1**

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**Session Chair: Attila Tasnádi**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Proportional Systems with Free Entry. A Citizen–Candidate Model	Paolo Balduzzi, Catholic University of Milan	Attila Tasnádi
Do more Powerful Interest Groups have a Disproportionate Influence on Policy?	Zara Sharif, TI / ESE, Erasmus University Rotterdam	Nicolas Gavaille
The Dual Political Legislation Cycle	Nicolas Gavaille, CREM-CNRS, Université de Rennes 1	Zara Sharif
The Multiple Hierarchical Legislatures in Representative Democracy	Attila Tasnádi, Corvinus University of Budapest	Paolo Balduzzi

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**D7: Environment****E23**

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**Session Chair: Andrea Kollmann**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
The Effect of Electoral Cycles on International Environmental Agreements Ratification	Alexandre Sauquet, CERDI, CNRS-Université d'Auvergne	Jenni Jaakkola
Minor Party's Political Power and Policy Outcomes: Evidence from European Green Parties and Environmental Policies	Jenni Jaakkola, University of Turku	Alexandre Sauquet
Which Compensation for Whom?	Emmanuelle Taugourdeau, CNRS, Paris School of Economics	Andrea Kollmann
Who is Willing to Pay for the Environment?	Andrea Kollmann, Energieinstitut an der Johannes Kepler Universität Linz	Emmanuelle Taugourdeau

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**D8: Lobbying****F33.5**

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**Session Chair: Laszlo Goerke**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Informational Lobbying: Only Pieces of Truth	Olivier Herlem, Erasmus University - Tinbergen Institute, ESE	Jan Klingelhöfer
Lobbying and Elections	Jan Klingelhöfer, RWTH Aachen University	Laszlo Goerke
Blackmailing Lobbyists	Maik Schneider, ETH Zurich	Olivier Herlem
Lobbying and Dismissal Dispute Resolution Systems	Laszlo Goerke, IAAEU - University Trier	Maik Schneider

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**D9: Fiscal Decentralization****F26.5**

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**Session Chair: Sarmistha Pal**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Fiscal Effects of Municipal Amalgamation in Small Municipalities	Benedikt Fritz, Walter Eucken Institut	Maarten Allers
Bailout of Local Governments in the Netherlands	Maarten Allers, University of Groningen	Sarmistha Pal
Fiscal Decentralisation, Local Institutions and Public Goods Provision: Evidence from Indonesia	Sarmistha Pal, University of Surrey	Benedikt Fritz

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**D10: Monetary Policy****F26.3**

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**Session Chair: Roman Horvath**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Optimal Conservatism and Collective Monetary Policymaking Under Uncertainty	Blandine Zimmer, Large, University of Strasbourg	Frank Bohn
Monetary Targeting and Financial System Characteristics: An Empirical Analysis	Anna Samarina, University of Groningen	Roman Horvath
The Politics of Devaluations: Modelling Motives for Giving Up a Peg	Frank Bohn, Radboud University Nijmegen	Blandine Zimmer
Central Bank Transparency and Financial Stability: Measurement, Determinants and Effects	Roman Horvath, Charles University	Anna Samarina

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**18:00-23:00 Gala Dinner**

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**17:10 Meet outside at Polyterrasse****17:35 Train S10 (direction "Uetliberg") platform 2 Zurich Main Station**

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**Sessions E1-E11, Friday, April 5, 9:15-11:15**


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**E1: Political Elites****G26.3****Session Chair: Randall Holcombe**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Macro Shocks, Regulatory Quality and Costly Political Action	Michael Dorsch, The American University of Paris	Randall Holcombe
The Risk of Civil Conflicts as a Determinant of Political Institutions	Alvaro Aguirre, Central Bank of Chile	David Duffy
An Olsonian Perspective on Why Nations Fail	David Duffy, University of Portsmouth	Alvaro Aguirre
Institutional Quality and the Tenure of Autocrats	Randall Holcombe, Florida State University	Michael Dorsch

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**E2: Elections****G26.5****Session Chair: Dana Sisak**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Adding Ideology to the Equation: New Predictions for Whether Democrats Should Pursue Compulsory Elections	Fernanda Leite Lopez de Leon, University of East Anglia	Philipp Denter
Optimal Sequencing of Presidential Primaries	Deniz Selman, Bogazici University	Dana Sisak
A Theory of Campaign Communication	Philipp Denter, University of St.Gallen	Deniz Selman
Do Polls Create Momentum in Political Competition?	Dana Sisak, Erasmus University Rotterdam	Fernanda Leite Lopez de Leon

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**E3: Public Goods Theory****G26.1**

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**Session Chair: Manfred J. Holler**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Self-managing Common-pool Resources	Heinrich Nax, Paris School of Economics	Francesco Scervini
Heterogeneous Preferences and Provision of Public Goods	Francesco Scervini, Università di Milano - DEMM	Manfred J. Holler
Are User Fees Really Bad for Equity?	Apostolis Philippopoulos, Athens University of Economics and Business	Heinrich Nax
Pathology or Revelation? The Public Good Index	Manfred J. Holler, University of Hamburg	Apostolis Philippopoulos

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**E4: Education****F33.1**

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**Session Chair: Arnt Ove Hopland**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
The Effect of Introducing Information about Quality of Education in a Semi-market with Vouchers for Primary and Lower Secondary Schools in Denmark	Karsten Bo Larsen, Cepos	Manuel Coutinho Pereira
What Accounts for Portuguese Regional Differences in Students' Performance? Evidence from OECD PISA	Manuel Coutinho Pereira, Banco de Portugal	Karsten Bo Larsen
Gender Differences in College Applications: Evidence from the Centralized System in Turkey	Perihan Ozge Saygin, University of Mannheim	Arnt Ove Hopland
Gender Differences in Competitiveness: Evidence from an Enrollment Reform	Arnt Ove Hopland, Norwegian University of Science & Technology	Perihan Ozge Saygin

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**E5: Constitutions I****F30**

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**Session Chair: Louis Imbeau**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Choosing the Form of Government: Theory and Evidence From Brazil	Marcos Yamada Nakaguma, European University Institute	Claudio Parés
Choosing between Parliamentary and Presidential Systems	Claudio Parés, Universidad de Concepción	Carsten Hefeker
Explaining Constitutional Change: The Case of Judicial Independence	Bernd Hayo, Philipps-Universität Marburg	Jern Gutmann
Constitution-making Process under Uncertainty: The Case of Canada	Louis Imbeau, Université Laval	Gebhard Kirchgäsner

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**E6: Market Design****E23**

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**Session Chair: Yuan Li**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Incentive Efficient Market Design	Tasos Dosis, University of Warwick	Yuan Li
Detection of Privatisations and Nationalisations in Quasi-public Good Sectors	Rasmus Wiese, University of Groningen	Tasos Dosis
Downward Accountability in Response to Collective Actions: The Political Economy of Public Goods Provision in China	Yuan Li, Stockholm School of Economics and University of Duisburg-Essen	Rasmus Wiese

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**E7: Shadow Economy****E1.2****Session Chair: Friedrich Schneider**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Family Ties and Underground Economy	Francesco Porcelli, University of Warwick	Carmelo Petraglia
Estimating Money Laundering through a “Cash Deposit Demand” Approach	Carmelo Petraglia, Dept DiMIE, University of Basilicata	Ioana Petrescu
Black Markets and Economic Sanctions	Ioana Petrescu, University of Maryland	Friedrich Schneider
Shadow Economies in Highly Developed OECD Countries: What are the Driving Forces?	Friedrich Schneider, Department of Economics, University of Linz	Francesco Porcelli

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**E8: Corruption - Empirics****F33.5****Session Chair: Krisztina Kis-Katos**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Corruption in Russia	Günther Schulze, University of Freiburg	Luca Pieroni
Identifying Corruption(s) through Latent Class Models: Evidence from Transition Economies	Luca Pieroni, University of Perugia	Krisztina Kis-Katos
Government Concentration: Cause of or Remedy for Corruption?	Ansgar Wohlschlegel, University of Portsmouth	Günther Schulze
Unintended Consequences of Anti-corruption Strategies: Public Fiscal Audits and Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon	Krisztina Kis-Katos, University of Freiburg	Ansgar Wohlschlegel

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**E9: Democracy and the Labour Market****F26.5**

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**Session Chair: Fulvio Fontini**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Voting Rights for All? The Effects of “Early Democratization” on the Size of the Informal Sector	Pantelis Kammas, University of Ioannina, Department of Economics	Olga Popova
Destined for Democracy? Labour Markets and Political Change in Colonial British America	Elena Nikolova, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Research Department	Kerry Papps
Corruption, Voting and Employment Status: Evidence from Russian Parliamentary Elections	Olga Popova, Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS), Regensburg, and CERGE-EI, Prague	Melike Wulfgramm
Does a Soaring Unemployment Risk Affect the Median Voter’s Choice on the Tax Rate?	Fulvio Fontini, University of Padua	Francesco Forte

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**E10: Redistribution****F26.3**

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**Session Chair: Fabio Padovano**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Preferences for Redistribution among Emigrants from a Welfare State	Ilpo Kauppinen, ifo Institute	Fabio Padovano
Distributive Justice and Benevolence	Jean Mercier Ythier, Sorbonne Universités-Panthéon Assas	Christina Fong
Target-specific Beliefs and Incentive Compatible Redistribution	Christina Fong, Dept. of Social and Decision Sciences, Carnegie Mellon University	Jean Mercier Ythier
Redistribution through a Leaky Bucket: A Political Economy Perspective	Fabio Padovano, Université de Rennes 1	Ilpo Kauppinen

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**E11: Taxation and the Private Sector****F26.1**

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**Session Chair: Christian Pfarr**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Political Competition, Tax Salience and Accountability: Theory and Some Evidence from Italy	Emanuele Bracco, Lancaster University	Mickael Melki
Timing Tariff Increases over the Electoral Cycles: An Empirical Investigation of Political Decision Making	Michael Klien, Sorbonne Business School	Emanuele Bracco
A Test of Baumol's Cost Disease	Mickael Melki, Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne	Christian Pfarr
Meltzer-Richard and Social Mobility Hypothesis: Revisiting the Income-redistribution Nexus Using German Choice Data	Christian Pfarr, University of Bayreuth	Michael Klien

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**11:15-11:45 Coffee break in front of room F30**

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## Plenary Session 3

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**Keynote Speech** **11:45-12:45**

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**Session Chair: Jan-Egbert Sturm** **F30**

**Title** **Presenter**

Gender Quotas and the Crisis of the Mediocre Man: Theory and Evidence from Sweden  
Torsten Persson, Stockholm University

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**12:45 Lunch is served in the Mensa Polyterrasse. Please present your lunch voucher at the cashier!**

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**Sessions F1-F10, Friday, April 5, 13:45-15:15**


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**F1: Institutions and the Economy I****G26.3****Session Chair: Ana Fernandes**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Does Solow Residual Reflect Deep Political Economy Dynamics in Developing Countries?	Mustafa Ismihan, Atilim University	Yongjing Zhang
The General Sequence of Institutional Changes among Developing Countries: Analytical Narratives from a Public Choice Perspective	Yongjing Zhang, University of Ottawa	Ana Fernandes
Institutions and the Sectoral Organization of Production	Ana Fernandes, University of Bern	Mustafa Ismihan

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**F2: Voting I****G26.5****Session Chair: Masashi Nishikwa**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Electoral Engineering: One Man, One Bid	Jingjing Zhang, University of Zurich	Gilberto Turati
Identifying the Bandwagon Effect in Two-round Elections	Aron Kiss, National Bank of Hungary	Christian Pfeil
Retrospective Voting in Local Elections in Economic Downturns	Masashi Nishikwa, Aoyama Gakuin University	Mark Schelker

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**F3: Threats and Conflict****G26.1****Session Chair: Martin Gassebner**

<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
The Impact of Fuel Ownership on Intra-state Violence	Tim Wegenast, University of Konstanz	Martin Gassebner
Domestic Food Prices and Political Stability	Frank Somogyi, Deutsche Bundesbank	Tim Wegenast
How (Not) to Manipulate a Shared Risk of War: The Case of Greco-Turkish Fighter-jet Diplomacy	Martin Gassebner, KOF, ETH Zurich	Atin Basu



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**F4: Information and Media** **F33.1**


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**Session Chair: Christine Benesch**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Mass Media ex ante Effects on the Production of Information: Evidence from Non-governmental Organization (NGO) Reports	Sophie Hatte, University of Rouen and Paris School of Economics	Samia Costa
Freedom of Information Laws and the Death Toll from Natural Disasters	Samia Costa, University of St.Gallen	Christine Benesch
Governance of Public Broadcasters and Television Consumption	Christine Benesch, University of St.Gallen	Sophie Hatte

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**F5: Life Satisfaction** **F26.1**


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**Session Chair: Hans Pitlik**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Smoking Bans, Cigarette Prices and Life Satisfaction	Reto Odermatt, University of Basel	Andreas Kuhn
Inequality Perceptions and Wage Satisfaction	Andreas Kuhn, Swiss Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training	Hans Pitlik
Who Benefits from Big Government? A Life Satisfaction Approach	Hans Pitlik, Austrian Institute of Economic Research WIFO	Reto Odermatt

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**F6: Health Care** **E23**


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**Session Chair: Roger Congleton**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
The Effects of Health Care Decentralization on the Incidence of HIV and AIDS	Marislei Nishijima, University of Sao Paulo	Roger Congleton
The Impact of the Institutional form on the Cost Efficiency of Nursing Homes	Laura Di Giorgio, Università della Svizzera Italiana	Marislei Nishijima
The Electoral Politics of Complex Health Care Systems	Roger Congleton, University of West Virginia	Laura Di Giorgio

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**F7: Preferences and Policy****F33.5**

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**Session Chair: Andreas Bernecker**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
How do Female Preferences Influence Political Decisions?	Marco Portmann, University of Fribourg	Katharina Jaronicki
Does Female Suffrage Increase Public Support for Government Spending? Evidence from Swiss Ballots	Katharina Jaronicki, University of St.Gallen	Andreas Bernecker
Trial and Error? Policy Experimentation during the U.S. Welfare Reform	Andreas Bernecker, University of Mannheim	Marco Portmann

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**F8: Game Theory****F26.5**

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**Session Chair: Martin Gregor**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Auctioning Incentive Contracts with Motivated Agents	Lea Cassar, University of Zurich	Nikolai Hoberg
Value Trade-offs and Efficiency	Nikolai Hoberg, Leuphana University Lueneburg	Martin Gregor
Access Fees for Competing Senders	Martin Gregor, Charles University Prague	Lea Cassar

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**F9: Decision Finding****F26.3**

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**Session Chair: Peter Postl**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Truth-telling in Heterogeneous Committees	Felix Ketelaar, Bonn Graduate School of Economics	Peter Postl
Identity, Authority and Evolution of Order: The Trajectory of Dueling Simulated	Mehrdad Vahabi, University of Paris 8	Felix Ketelaar
Equilibrium and Effectiveness of Two-parameter Scoring Rules	Peter Postl, University of Bath	Mehrdad Vahabi

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**F10: European Central Bank**


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**Session Chair: Eelke de Jong****E1.2**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
“The End of the ECB as We Knew It?” The Case of the European Central Bank, German Monetary “Hawks” and Financial Market (In)stability	Aleksandra Maslowska, University of Turku/Turku School of Economics	Eelke de Jong
National Influences inside the ECB: An Assessment from Central Bankers’ Statements	Hamza Bennani, University of Lille 1	Aleksandra Maslowska
Culture Matters: French-German Conflicts on European Central Bank Independence and Crisis Resolution	Eelke de Jong, Radboud University Nijmegen	Hamza Bennani

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**15:30-21:00 Social Event**


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**15:30 City tour begins at Polyterrasse****18:00 Boat leaves from Bürkliplatz**


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**Sessions G1-G11, Saturday, April 6, 9:00-10:30**


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**G1: Constitutions II****E1.2****Session Chair: Carsten Hefeker**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
The Role of the Constitution in Constraining the Military	Jerg Gutmann, Institute of Law and Economics	Louis Imbeau
Consociational Democracy, Divided Government, and the Possibility of Reforms	Gebhard Kirchgäsner, University of St. Gallen	Bernd Hayo
Political Polarization, Delegation and Term Length	Carsten Hefeker, University of Siegen	Marcos Yamada Nakaguma

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**G2: Identity and Prejudice****F26.1****Session Chair: André Schultz**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
National Identity and Religious Diversity	Matthias Opfinger, University Trier	André Schultz
Religious and Ethnic Prejudice in Europe	Tufan Ekici, Middle East Technical University, Northern Cyprus Campus	Matthias Opfinger
Judicial Alignment and Criminal Justice: Evidence from Russian Courts	André Schultz, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management	Tufan Ekici

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**G3: Economic Growth - Empirics****F26.3****Session Chair: Richard Jong-A-Pin**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
The Size of Human Capital Externalities: Cross-country Evidence	Rasmus Thönnessen, University of Hamburg	Melise Jaud
Joint Determinants of Fiscal Policy, Income Inequality and Economic Growth	Leonel Muínelo Gallo, Instituto de Economía - Universidad de la República	Benjamin Furlan
Social Capital and the Success of Economic Reforms for Growth Accelerations	Richard Jong-A-Pin, University of Groningen	Bernhard Reinsberg

**G4: Inflation Expectation****F26.5****Session Chair: Michael Lamla**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Time Varying Inflation Targets, Inflation Expectations and Credibility	Bedri Kamil Onur Tas, TOBB ETU	Michael Pedersen
What Affects the Predictions of Professional Forecasters? The Role of Central Bank Forecasts	Michael Pedersen, Central Bank of Chile	Michael Lamla
Microdata Evidence for Imperfect Information in Inflation Expectations	Michael Lamla, KOF, ETH Zurich	Bedri Kamil Onur Tas

**G5: Voting Models****F33.5****Session Chair: Michèle Khouri**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
The Effect of Electoral Disproportionality on Polarization: Theory and Evidence	Orestis Troumpounis, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	Matteo Triossi
A Spatial Model of Voting with Endogenous Proposals: Theory and Evidence from Chilean Senate	Matteo Triossi, University of Chile	Michèle Khouri
Adjustment of Voting Weights to Members' Voting Powers at Weighted Voting Organizations under Different Majority Requirements	Michèle Khouri, Faculty of Law, Economics and Management of Paris (FACO Paris)	Orestis Troumpounis

**G6: Economics of Economists****F30****Session Chair: Martin Paldam**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
University Merging Process	Marisa Hidalgo, University Pablo de Olavide	Bruno Frey
The Dismal Science? Happiness of Economists	Sarah Necker, University of Freiburg	Martin Paldam
The Mining Ratio in Applied Macroeconomics	Martin Paldam, Department of Economics and Business, Aarhus University	Sarah Necker

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**G7: Political Budget Cycles** **E23**


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**Session Chair: Toke Aidt**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Term Limits and Political Budget Cycles in Brazil	Sergio Sakurai, University of São Paulo	Georgios Chortareas
Political Budget Cycles in Greek Municipalities	Georgios Chortareas, University of Athens	Toke Aidt
Voting suffrage and the political budget cycle	Toke Aidt, University of Cambridge	Sergio Sakurai

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**G8: Social Preferences** **F33.1**


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**Session Chair: Mario Mechtel**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Obama and the Economy: Estimating Social Preferences Between Unemployment and Inflation	Soeren Enkelmann, Leuphana University Lueneburg	Anirban Mitra
Electoral Uncertainty, Income Inequality and the “Middle Class”	Anirban Mitra, University of Oslo	Mario Mechtel
Voting and Social Identity	Mario Mechtel, University of Trier	Soeren Enkelmann

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**G9: Local Fiscal Policy** **G26.1**


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**Session Chair: Friedrich Heinemann**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Explaining the Interregional Distribution of Fiscal Transfers in Belgium: The Effect of Political Representation	Geert Jennes, KU Leuven	Veronica Grembi
The Interplay between Political Competition, Local Fiscal Capacity and the Provision of Education and Water with Quality: A Municipal Approach, 1994-2009	Fabio Sanchez-Torres, Universidad de Los Andes	Subham Kailthya
Revenue Autonomy Preferences in German State Parliaments	Friedrich Heinemann, ZEW Mannheim	Lukas Schötz

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**G10: Fiscal Decentralization****G26.5**

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**Session Chair: Silvia Marchesi**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Fiscal Decentralization in Weak Institutional Environments: Evidence from Southern Italy	Massimiliano Piacenza, University of Torino - Department of Economics and Statistics	Silvia Marchesi
Partial Fiscal Decentralization and Public-sector Heterogeneity: Theory and Evidence from Norway	Lars-Erik Borge, Norwegian University of Science and Technology	Massimiliano Piacenza
Information Transmission and Fiscal Decentralization: Theory and Evidence	Silvia Marchesi, Università di Milano Bicocca	Lars-Erik Borge

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**G11: Fiscal Discipline II****G26.3**

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**Session Chair: Florian Chatagny**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Fiscal Equalization Schemes and Fiscal Sustainability	Markus Reischmann, Ifo Institute	Jakob de Haan
Efficient Fiscal Spending by Supranational Unions	Justin Valasek, WZB	Henrik Christoffersen
Budget Projections under Asymmetric Losses: Evidence from Swiss Cantons	Florian Chatagny, KOF, ETH Zurich	Martin Weder

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**10:30-11:00 Coffee break in front of room F30**

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**Sessions H1-H11, Saturday, April 6, 11:00-12:30**


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**H1: Political Economy of Aid II****F26.1****Session Chair: Hristos Doucouliagos**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Do Natural Resources Condition the Aid-governance Relationship? Evidence from Africa	Audrey Menard, University of Strasbourg	Niklas Potrafke
Donor Competition for Aid Impact, and Aid Fragmentation	Kurt Annen, University of Guelph	Aurore Gary
Aid and Institutions in Transition Economies	Hristos Doucouliagos, Deakin University	Axel Dreher

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**H2: Arab Spring****F26.3****Session Chair: Vani Borooah**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
The Political Economics of the Arab Spring	Roland Hodler, University of Lucerne, Department of Economics	Shimaa Hanafy
Voting Islamist or Voting Secular? An Empirical Analysis of Voting Outcomes in “Arab Spring” Egypt	Shimaa Hanafy, Philipps-University Marburg	Vani Borooah
The Killing Fields of Assam: The Myth and Reality of its Muslim Immigration	Vani Borooah, University of Ulster	Roland Hodler

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**H3: Institutions and the Economy II****F26.5****Session Chair: Pierre-Guillaume Méon**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Does the Cutting Back of the Public Sector Improve Efficiency? Some Evidence from 15 European Countries	Sabrina Auci, University of Palermo	Pierre-Guillaume Méon
Enhancing Foreign Direct Investment via Transparency? Evaluating the Effects of the EITI on FDI	Maya Schmaljohann, Karl-Ruprechts-University Heidelberg	Florian Mölders
The Formal and Informal Institutional Framework of Capital Accumulation	Pierre-Guillaume Méon, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)	Sabrina Auci



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**H4: Voting II****F33.5**

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**Session Chair: Gilberto Turati**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Spending and Political Rents in Mixed-Member Majoritarian Systems	Christian Pfeil, Walter Eucken Institute, Freiburg University, Germany	Masashi Nishikwa
Lame Ducks and Divided Government: How Voters Control the Unaccountable	Mark Schelker, University of St.Gallen	Aron Kiss
Fiscal Federalism and Political Selection	Massimo Bordignon, Catholic University of Milan	Jingjing Zhang

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**H5: Local Fiscal Policy****E23**

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**Session Chair: Ivo Bischoff**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Vertical Grants and Local Public Efficiency	Peter Haug, Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH)	Yukihiro Nishimura
Are Local Tax Rates Strategic Complements or Strategic Substitutes?	Raphael Parchet, University of Lausanne and University of Basel	Peter Haug
Incentives and Influence Activities in the Public Sector: The Trade-off in Performance Budgeting and Conditional Grants	Ivo Bischoff, University of Kassel	Raphael Parchet

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**H6: Credit Institutions****F33.1**

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**Session Chair: Andrea Presbitero**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Credit Risk Agencies: Fundamentals and Fundamentalism.	Dimitrios Soudis, University of Groningen	Ulf Maier
Credit for Sale	Ulf Maier, LMU Munich	Andrea Presbitero
IMF Lending and Banking Crises	Andrea Presbitero, Università Politecnica delle Marche	Dimitrios Soudis

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**H7: Public Spending** **E1.2**


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**Session Chair: Xin Hao**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Impact of the Internal Service Charges on Expenditures and Deficits: The Case of the Swiss Cantons	Maxime Clémenceau, Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP)	Yasushi Asako
Seniority, Term limits, and Government Spending: Theory and Evidence from the U.S. States	Yasushi Asako, Waseda University	Xin Hao
Optimal Tax and the Composition of Public Spending	Xin Hao, University of Manchester	Maxime Clémenceau

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**H8: Rationality** **G26.1**


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**Session Chair: Colin Jennings**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Bounded Rationality and Voting Decisions Exploring a 160-Year Period	David Stadelmann, University of Fribourg	Kaushik Bhattacharya
More can be Less: Hyper Plurality of Candidates, the Rationality of Electoral Choice and Need for Electoral Reform in India	Kaushik Bhattacharya, Indian Institute of Management Lucknow	Colin Jennings
Rebellion against Reason? A Study of Expressive Choice and Strikes	Colin Jennings, University of Strathclyde	David Stadelmann

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**H9: Crime and Justice** **G26.5**


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**Session Chair: Silvia Giacomelli**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Facts or Ideology: What Determines the Results of Econometric Estimates of the Deterrence Effect of Death Penalty? A Meta-Analysis	Berit Christiane Gerritzen, University of St.Gallen	Silvia Giacomelli
Crime and Status: A Contribution to Strain Theory	Florian Baumann, University of Düsseldorf - DICE	Berit Christiane Gerritzen
Firm Size and Judicial Efficiency: Evidence from the Neighbour's court	Silvia Giacomelli, Bank of Italy	Florian Baumann

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**H10: The Euro in the Crisis****F30**

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**Session Chair: Michael Ehrmann**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
“Pure” or “Wake-up-call” Contagion? Another Look at the EMU Sovereign Debt Crisis	Pietro Tommasino, Bank of Italy - Research and International relations Area	Felix Roth
Public Support for the Single European Currency, the Euro, 1990 to 2011 - Does the Financial Crisis Matter?	Felix Roth, CEPS and University of Göttingen	Michael Ehrmann
The Euro Exchange Rate during the European Sovereign Debt Crisis: Dancing to Its Own Tune?	Michael Ehrmann, European Central Bank	Pietro Tommasino

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**H11: Corruption - Theory****G26.3**

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**Session Chair: Ashantha Ranasinghe**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussant</b>
Tax Auditing and Revenues in the Presence of Fiscal Corruption and Political Patronage in Transition Economies	Monika Cule, University of Regina	Ashantha Ranasinghe
Endogenous Detection of Collaborative Crime: The Case of Corruption	Dominic Spengler, University of York	Monika Cule
Property Rights, Extortion and the Misallocation of Talent	Ashantha Ranasinghe, University of Manitoba	Dominic Spengler

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**12:45-13:15 EPCS General Assembly, F30 (Audimax)**

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**13:15 Trip to Lucerne, meet at Polyterrasse**

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