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Program

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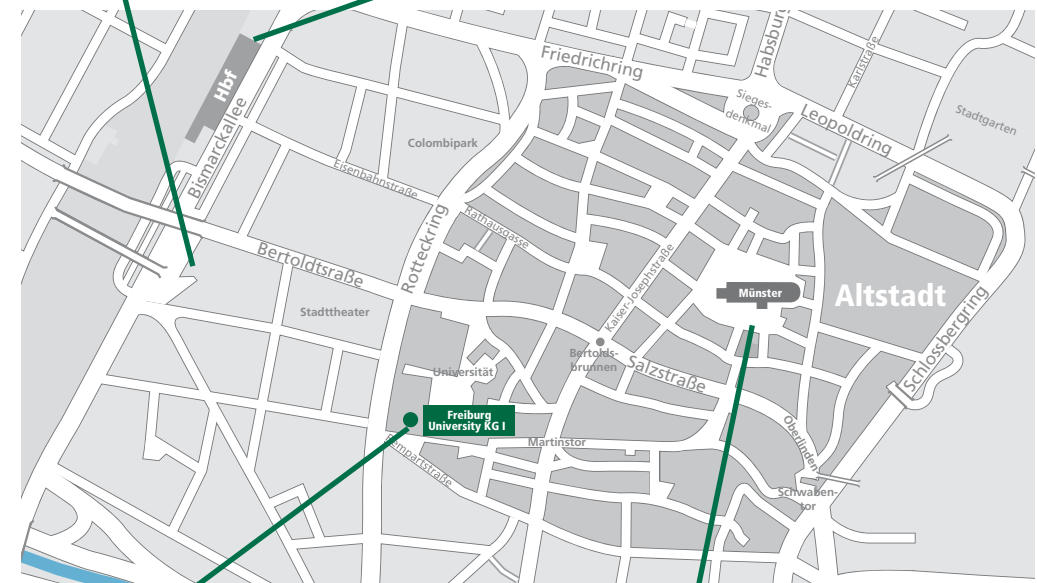
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2 p.m.	1142	Start of Registration
3–4 p.m.	Aula	Welcome: Prof. Dr. Lars P. Feld (Walter Eucken Institut)  Presidential Address: <i>The Political Economy of Foreign Aid</i> (Prof. Dr. Axel Dreher, University of Heidelberg)
4–4.30 p.m.	Prome- theushalle	Coffee break
4.30–6 p.m.		Session A
6.15–8 p.m.	Prome- theushalle	Welcome reception
<b>Thu., March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016</b>		
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12 a.m.–1 p.m.	Prome- theushalle	Lunch
1.30–7.30 p.m.		Social Activity
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9–10 a.m.	Aula	Keynote II: <i>Shaping Educational Careers of Immigrant Children: Aspirations, Cognitive Skills and Teacher's Beliefs</i> (Prof. Eliana La Ferrara, PhD., Università Bocconi)
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2.30–4 p.m.		Session E
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7–10 p.m.	Historisches Kaufhaus	Dinner incl. announcement of the Knut Wicksell Prize
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10.30–11 a.m.	Prome- theushalle	Coffee break
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Departure for the **Social Program:**

Konzerthaus Freiburg, Konrad-Adenauer-Platz 1, 79098 Freiburg

Freiburg Main Station



**Conference Venue:**

University of Freiburg KG I,  
Platz der Universität, 79098 Freiburg

**Conference Dinner:** Historisches Kaufhaus  
Münsterplatz 24, 79098 Freiburg

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## WELCOME TO THE EPCS 2016 IN FREIBURG!

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the 2016 Meeting of the European Public Choice Society (EPCS) at the University of Freiburg in Germany. We are honored that we have been selected for organizing this important meeting at one of the oldest German universities (founded in 1457). Freiburg is an excellent place for hosting the Meeting of the EPCS. The Freiburg School of Economics was important for the development of Public Choice in Germany.

The Annual Meeting of the EPCS has always been the place to present and discuss new research on the economics and politics of public and non-market decision-making, political economy and the economics of institutions. We received excellent submissions which demonstrate the great variety of the research field of Public Choice. This year's scientific program includes a fine selection of papers to be presented in 83 parallel sessions. Each session includes three papers dealing (as much as possible) with related topics to facilitate intense discussions. As in every year, the Wicksell prize, in honor of the Swedish economist Johan Gustaf Knut Wicksell, will be awarded to the best paper submitted by an author younger than 30.

The scientific program also includes three exciting keynote speeches which address key challenges modern societies are facing in today's world. The president of the EPCS, Professor Axel Dreher, will share his view on "The Political Economy of Foreign Aid." Professor Sascha O. Becker will discuss the relationship of "Religion, Division of Labor, and Conflict." Professor Eliana La Ferrara will talk about "Shaping educational careers of immigrant children: Aspirations, cognitive skills and teachers' beliefs."

Of course, the Meeting also includes several opportunities for informal discussions and networking. The welcome dinner on Wednesday is a great chance to meet again old friends and make new ones. During the social activity, we will learn about the traditional wine production in the Kaiserstuhl/Baden. Part of the learning is of course the tasting! Finally, we will gather for the traditional gala dinner which will take place at the Historisches Kaufhaus – the former Parliament of the Land Baden.

The Local Organizing Committee will be happy to help you with any questions and requirements. You can find us in room 1142 or ask someone wearing a green T-shirt.

We hope that you will have a productive and inspiring conference, meet many colleagues and friends, and find some time to enjoy the historic town and its beautiful surroundings.

Thank you for being our guests!

Your Local Organizing Committee

## ORGANIZATION

### Local Organizers

Prof. Dr. Lars P. Feld (Walter Eucken Institut and University of Freiburg)

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Gert Tinggaard Svendsen (Aarhus University, Denmark)

Linda Veiga (University of Minho, Portugal)

## CONFERENCE VENUES

All academic activities of the conference take place at the University of Freiburg, KG I, Platz der Universität, 79098 Freiburg.

### Registration and Information Point

The conference office is located at the first floor (room 1142) near the Aula and opened during the scientific program.

### Access to the Conference Rooms, Social Event and Conference Dinner

All participants receive a conference package and a badge when registering for the conference. The badge is your entrance ticket to the session rooms and all social events. In addition, you will need the coupons you received in your conference folder to participate in the social events.

The **keynote speeches** and **members' meeting** take place in the Aula. Parallel sessions take place in different seminar rooms of the University as indicated on page 9.

The **coffee** and **lunch breaks** take place at the Prometheushalle.

The **welcome reception** takes place at the Prometheushalle.

The departure for the **social activity** is at the Konzerthaus Freiburg, Konrad-Adenauer-Platz 1, 79098 Freiburg at 1.45 p.m. If you don't know how to get there, please meet our assistants at 1.30pm at the Prometheushalle. They will guide you to the point of departure.

The **conference dinner** takes place at the Historisches Kaufhaus

## GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

### Computer and Internet Access

Wireless internet connection is included in your registration fee and is available in all conference locations at the University of Freiburg.

The password to log in into the network EPCS is [psroteapopand](#).

For those coming from participating institutions, internet can also be accessed via the Eduroam account

### Lost Property

Please contact the conference office.

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In case of emergency call 112 (SOS-ambulance, fire brigade) or 110 (police).

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## INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARALLEL SESSIONS

The sessions will be chaired by the last presenter. His or her job is to start and conclude the session on time and supervise that the total time for each paper does not exceed 30 minutes:

- 20 minutes for the presentation
- five minutes for the discussant
- five minutes for general discussion

Each paper has been assigned a discussant. Each presenter is asked to discuss the previous presentation in his session. The last presentation will be discussed by the first presenter.

All papers are available at <http://tinyurl.com/epcs2016>. You can download the paper you have been assigned to discuss or papers you would like to read from this folder. The file name is equal to the submission ID. In the detailed program, you will find the submission ID in brackets behind the title of each presentation. The information is also available at <http://tinyurl.com/epcs2016> in the file SubmissionID.

Please check the conference website for last minute changes of the program due to cancellations.

## DETAILED PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Registration • 2–3 p.m. • Room 1142

Welcome • 3–4 p.m. • Aula  
Prof. Dr. Lars P. Feld (Director of the Walter Eucken Institute)

**Presidential Address:** Prof. Dr. Axel Dreher (President of the EPCS, Heidelberg University)

*The Political Economy of Foreign Aid*

Axel Dreher is Professor of International and Development Politics at Heidelberg University. He received his PhD from the University of Mannheim in 2003 and was Professor for International Economics and Development Economics at the University of Göttingen from 2008 to 2011. His research focuses on Political Economy, Economic Development, and Globalization. His research has been published, e.g., in the *International Economic Review*, the *European Economic Review*, the *Journal of Development Economics*, and the *Journal of International Economics*. He is editor of the *Review of International Organizations*, president of the European Public Choice Society (EPCS), fellow of CEPR and AidData, and author of the KOF Index of Globalization. Since 2015, he chairs the Research Committee on Development Economics of the German Economic Association.

Parallel Session A1–A12 • 4.30–6 p.m.

A1 Empirics: Voting Experiments • Room 1016

*Session Chair:* Friedrich Heinemann

a) *Does Candidate Information On The Ballot Increase Voter Satisfaction? Evidence From A Field Experiment* (443)

Author(s): Christoph Sajons (Walter Eucken Institut)

Discussant: Stephan Wolf

b) *If Parents Could Vote On Behalf Of Their Children: Empirical Evidence From A Field Study During The 2014 EU-Elections* (267)

Author(s): Nils Goldschmidt, Thomas Petersen, Stephan Wolf (University of Freiburg)

Discussant: Friedrich Heinemann

c) *Selling My State's Autonomy For 100 Euro? Voter Preferences On German State Mergers In A Survey Experiment* (367)

Author(s): Sebastian Blesse, Friedrich Heinemann (ZEW Mannheim)

Discussant: Christoph Sajons

## A2 Empirics: Spatial Political Economy

• Room 1023

Session Chair: Annika Havlik

a) *Long-Run Spatial Effects of Political Uncertainty: Evidence From Occupied Post-WWII Austria* (354)

Author(s): Christian Ochsner (ifo-Institut Dresden), Felix Rösel

Discussant: Kai Gehring

b) *National Identity In Border Regions - The Causal Effect of Homogenization Policies In Alsace-Lorraine* (365)

Author(s): Sirus Dehdari, Kai Gehring (University of Zurich)

Discussant: Annika Havlik

c) *Vetoing And Inaugurating Policy Like Others Do: Evidence On Spatial Interactions In Voter Initiatives* (199)

Author(s): Annika Havlik (ZEW Mannheim), Frank Streif

Discussant: Christian Ochsner

## A3 Empirics: Preferences For Redistribution

• Room 1224

Session Chair: Massimiliano Piacenza

a) *Higher Inequality – More Redistribution? Inequality Aversion and Fairness Concerns in Preference for Redistribution* (321)

Author(s): Stephanie Armbruster (University of Basel)

Discussant: Massimiliano Piacenza

b) *Risk Aversion and Preferences for Redistribution: A Laboratory Experiment* (218)

Author(s): Matteo Assandri, Anna Maffioletti, Massimiliano Piacenza (University of Torino)

Discussant: Stephanie Armbruster

## A4 Empirics: Electoral Systems

• Room 1228

Session Chair: Colin Kuehnhanss

a) *Elections and Fiscal Volatility in Established Democracies: The Role of Electoral Rules* (441)

Author(s): Atsuyoshi Morozumi (University of Nottingham), Antoine Pietri, Francisco Veiga

Discussant: Timothy Yeung

b) *Do Majoritarian Rules Favor Bigger Sectors in the Economy?* (202)

Author(s): Timothy Yeung (Toulouse School of Economics), Izaskun Zuazu

Discussant: Colin Kuehnhanss

c) *How Electoral Systems and Moonlighting Shape Parliamentary Output in the European Parliament* (300)

Author(s): Colin Kuehnhanss (Université libre de Bruxelles), Christian Staat

Discussant: Atsuyoshi Morozumi

## A5 Empirics: Social Preferences

• Room 1015

Session Chair: Christian Bjørnskov

a) *Do Institutions Cause Social Trust? Evidence From an Institutional Reform* (294)

Author(s): Denis Ivanov (National Research University)

Discussant: Pierre-Guillaume Méon

b) *Are Universal and Parochial Altruisms Complements or Substitutes? Evidence From a Natural Experiment in Belgium* (343)

Author(s): Pierre-Guillaume Méon (Université libre de Bruxelles)

Discussant: Christian Bjørnskov

c) *Burying the Bumblebee Once and for All: Does Big Government Hurt Growth Less in High-Trust Countries?* (157)

Author(s): Christian Bjørnskov (Aarhus University)

Discussant: Denis Ivanov

## A6 Empirics: Sovereign Debt I

• Room 1019

Session Chair: Silvia Marchesi

a) *Haircut Size, Haircut Type and the Probability of Serial Sovereign Debt Restructurings* (311)

Author(s): Christoph Schröder (ZEW Mannheim)

Discussant: Bernhard Herz

b) *Designing the ESM – Who Profits, Who Pays* (263)

Author(s): Christian Bauer, Bernhard Herz (University of Bayreuth), Alexandra Hild

Discussant: Silvia Marchesi

c) *The Cost of Default: Economic Growth and Official vs. Private Sovereign Debt Restructurings* (225)

Author(s): Silvia Marchesi (University of Milano Bicocca)

Discussant: Christoph Schröder

## A7 Empirics: Fiscal Deficits

• Room 1021

Session Chair: Joao Jalles

a) *The Long-Run Effect of Fiscal Consolidation on Economic Growth: Evidence from Quantitative Case Studies* (301)

Author(s): Mischa Kleis, Marc-Daniel Moessinger (ZEW Mannheim)

Discussant: Rasmus Wiese

b) *Are Expenditure Cuts the Only Effective Way to Achieve Successful Fiscal Adjustment?* (477)

Author(s): Jakob de Haan, Richard Jong-A-Pin, Rasmus Wiese (University of Groningen)

Discussant: Joao Jalles



c) *Fiscal Consolidations and Human Development* (288)

Author(s): Luca Agnello, [Joao Jalles](#) (University of Palermo), Vitor Castro, Ricardo Sousa

Discussant: Marc-Daniel Moessinger

#### A8 Empirics: Foreign Aid

• Room 1032

Session Chair: Marina Dodlova

a) *Does Development Aid Increase Military Expenditure?* (347)

Author(s): Sarah Langlotz, [Niklas Potrafke](#) (ifo-Institut München)

Discussant: Melvin Wong

b) *Fueling Conflict? (De)Escalation and Bilateral Aid* (409)

Author(s): [Richard Bluhm](#) (Universität Hannover), Martin Gassebner, Sarah Langlotz, Paul Schaudt

Discussant: Marina Dodlova

c) *Foreign Aid, Checks and Balances and Resource Rent* (403)

Author(s): [Marina Dodlova](#) (GIGA, Cesifo), Dutta Nabamita

Discussant: Niklas Potrafke

#### A9 Empirics: Education

• Room 1034

Session Chair: Alexander Stimpfle

a) *The Long Shadows of Spanish and French Colonial Education* (150)

Author(s): [Horst Feldmann](#) (University of Bath)

Discussant: Mohammad Reza Farzanegan

b) *More Oil, Less Quality of Education? New Empirical Evidence* (447)

Author(s): [Mohammad Reza Farzanegan](#) (Universität Marburg), Marcel Thum

Discussant: Alexander Stimpfle

c) *Does Marriage Age Explain Educational Gender Inequality?* (237)

Author(s): [Alexander Stimpfle](#) (University of Bayreuth)

Discussant: Horst Feldmann

#### A10 Theory: Behavioral Economics

• Room 1108

Session Chair: Stefan Baumgärtner

a) *Evolving Hierarchical Preferences and Behavioural Economic Policies* (473)

Author(s): [Jan Schnellenbach](#) (BTU Cottbus)

Discussant: Roger Congleton

b) *Does Rational Choice Politics Need Ethics?* (165)

Author(s): [Roger Congleton](#) (West Virginia University)

Discussant: Stefan Baumgärtner

c) *Regulation of Morally Responsible Agents With Motivation Crowding* (236)

Author(s): [Stefan Baumgärtner](#) (Universität Freiburg), Joachim Fünfgelt

Discussant: Jan Schnellenbach

#### A11 Theory: Supranational Institutions

• Room 1132

Session Chair: Luigi Marattin

a) *Codecision in Context: Implications for the Balance of Power in the EU* (182)

Author(s): [Nicola Maaser](#) (University of Bremen), Nicola Mayer

Discussant: Pedro Bom

b) *Fiscal Rules and the Intergenerational Welfare Effects of Public Investment* (305)

Author(s): [Pedro Bom](#) (Deusto Business School)

Discussant: Luigi Marattin

c) *Potential Output and Fiscal Rules in a Monetary Union under Asymmetric Information* (21)

Author(s): [Luigi Marattin](#) (University of Bologna), Simone Meraglia

Discussant: Nicola Maaser

#### A12 Theory: Environmental Policies

• Room 1134

Session Chair: Andreas Schäfer

a) *Lobbying and the Risk of Cheating in the EU ETS* (342)

Author(s): Urs Steiner Brandt, [Gert Tinggaard Svendsen](#) (Aarhus University)

Discussant: A. M. Tanvir Hussain

b) *Willingness to Pay for Public Environmental Goods Under Uncertainty* (241)

Author(s): Stefan Baumgaertner, Wenting Chen, [A. M. Tanvir Hussain](#) (Universität Freiburg)

Discussant: Andreas Schäfer

c) *Survival to Adulthood and the Growth Drag of Pollution* (467)

Author(s): [Andreas Schäfer](#) (ETH Zürich)

Discussant: Gert Tinggaard Svendsen

Welcome reception • 6.15–8 p.m.

• Prometheus-Halle

Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Parallel Session B1–B12 • 9–10.30 a.m.

### B1 Empirics: Voting I

• Room 1015

Session Chair: Armando N. Meier

a) *Transparency in Parliamentary Voting* (256)

Author(s): Christine Benesch, [Monika Bütler](#) (University of St. Gallen), Katharina Hofer

Discussant: Michaela Slotwinski

b) *Precise Control over Legislative Vote Outcomes: A Forensic Approach to Political Economics* (194)

Author(s): [Michaela Slotwinski](#) (University of Basel), Matter Ulrich

Discussant: Armando N. Meier

c) *Emotions and Voting for the Status Quo* (188)

Author(s): [Armando N. Meier](#) (University of Basel), Lukas Schmid, Alois Stutzer

Discussant: Monika Bütler

### B2 Empirics: Local Elections

• Room 1023

Session Chair: João Pereira dos Santos

a) *Terms Limits on Portuguese Mayors: Do They Matter?* (461)

Author(s): [Francisco Veiga](#) (Universidade do Minho), Linda Veiga

Discussant: Mariana Lopes da Fonseca

b) *Lame but Loyal Ducks* (271)

Author(s): [Mariana Lopes da Fonseca](#) (University of Siegen)

Discussant: João Pereira dos Santos

c) *When to Seek Re-Election: Local Fiscal Autonomy and Political Careers* (442)

Author(s): Susana Peralta, [João Pereira dos Santos](#) (Nova School of Business and Economics)

Discussant: Francisco Veiga

### B3 Empirics: Preferences for Taxation

• Room 1224

Session Chair: Mario Morger

a) *Taking Culture Into Account(ing): Cross-Country Differences in Preferences and Taxation* (102)

Author(s): [Andreas Ek](#) (London School of Economics)

Discussant: Armin von Schiller

b) *Taxing Higher Incomes What Makes the High-Income Earners Consent to More Progressive Taxation in Latin America?* (59)

Author(s): Sarah Berens, [Armin von Schiller](#) (Hertie School of Governance)

Discussant: Mario Morger

c) *Income Tax Schedule and Redistribution in Direct Democracies: The Swiss Case* (323)

Author(s): [Mario Morger](#) (University of Lucerne), Christoph A. Schaltegger

Discussant: Andreas Ek

### B4 Empirics: Intergovernmental Relations

• Room 1228

Session Chair: Charles Blankart

a) *Do Federal Deficits Motivate Regional Fiscal (Im)balances? Evidence for the Spanish Case* (48)

Author(s): [Agustin Molina-Parra](#) (Pablo de Olavide University), Diego Martinez-Lopez

Discussant: Geert Jennes

b) *Interregional Net Fiscal Transfers Resulting From Central Government Debt* (176)

Author(s): Geert Jennes (KU Leuven)

Discussant: Charles Blankart

c) *Rent Seeking in Regional Policy* (41)

Author(s): [Charles Blankart](#) (Humboldt University and University of Lucerne)

Discussant: Augustin Molina-Parra

### B5 Empirics: Institutional Change

• Room 1016

Session Chair: Erich Gundlach

a) *How do Political and Economic Institutions Affect Each Other?* (214)

Author(s): [Elias Braunfels](#) (Norwegian School of Economics)

Discussant: Michael Dorsch

b) *Economic Downturns, Inequality, and Democratic Improvements* (201)

Author(s): [Michael Dorsch](#) (Central European University), Paul Maarek

Discussant: Erich Gundlach

c) *Socioeconomic Transitions as Common Dynamic Processes* (458)

Author(s): [Erich Gundlach](#) (Universität Hamburg), Martin Paldam

Discussant: Elias Braunfels

### B6 Empirics: Sovereign Debt II

• Room 1019

Session Chair: Wolf Heinrich Reuter

a) *Switzerland During the Great War: Neutral, yet threatened? A View From the Sovereign Bond Market* (392)

Author(s): Christoph A. Schaltegger, [Lukas A. Schmid](#) (University of Lucerne)

Discussant: Ekkehard A. Köhler

b) *(Un-)certainty about Bailouts: The Impact of (Un-)conventional Monetary and Fiscal Policy Measures on the Re-Convergence of GIPS Interest Rate Spreads* (423)

Author(s): Ekkehard A. Köhler (Walter Eucken Institut), Julia Wolfinger

Discussant: Wolf Heinrich Reuter

c) *Fiscal Reaction Functions in the EU – Does a „Correct“ Econometric Modelling Approach Exist?* (434)

Author(s): Ekkehard A. Köhler, Wolf Heinrich Reuter (Austrian Central Bank (OeNB))

Discussant: Lukas Schmid

## B7 Empirics: Economic Development

• Room 1021

Session Chair: Zakari Mumuni

a) *Debt Relief and Good Governance: New Evidence* (404)

Author(s): Andreas Freytag, Jonatan Pettersson, Julian Schmied (Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena)

Discussant: Christian Henning

b) *A Tale of Two or Many Worlds? Policy Networks, Political Beliefs, and Policy Positions in Africa* (385)

Author(s): Christian Henning (University of Kiel), Sascha Stark

Discussant: Zakari Mumuni

c) *Fiscal Deficits and Inflation: Institutions Matter* (449)

Author(s): Michael Bleaney, Atsuyoshi Morozumi, Zakari Mumuni (University of Nottingham)

Discussant: Julian Schmied

## B8 Empirics: Trade

• Room 1032

Session Chair: Andreas Fuchs

a) *Who Disapproves of TTIP? Multiple Distrust in Companies and Political Institutions* (360)

Author(s): Hans Pitlik (Austrian Institute for Economic Research (WIFO))

Discussant: Arevik Gnuzhmann-Mkrtchyan

b) *Determining the Common External Tariff in a Customs Union: Evidence from the Eurasian Customs Union* (453)

Author(s): Arevik Gnuzhmann-Mkrtchyan (University of Hannover)

Discussant: Andreas Fuchs

c) *Towards a Harmonious World? How Chinese Economic Activity Influences Individual Perceptions of China in Latin America* (456)

Author(s): Lutz Brückner, Vera Eichenauer, Andreas Fuchs (University of Heidelberg)

Discussant: Hans Pitlik

## B9 Empirics: Gender Issues

• Room 1034

Session Chair: Raymond Boadi Frempong

a) *Let the Voters Pick Women* (161)

Author(s): Audinga Baltrunaite, Alessandra Casarico, Paola Profeta (Bocconi University)

Discussant: Reiner Eichenberger

b) *The Paradox of Democracy* (430)

Author(s): Reiner Eichenberger (University of Fribourg), Anna Maria Koukal

Discussant: Raymond Boadi Frempong

c) *Household Welfare and Women's Bargaining Power in Ghana and Uganda* (264)

Author(s): Raymond Boadi Frempong (University of Bayreuth), David Stadelmann

Discussant: Paola Profeta

## B10 Theory: Voting I

• Room 1108

Session Chair: Benjamin Bittschi

a) *Democracy And Redistribution* (183)

Author(s): Santanu Gupta (Xavier School of Management), Raghbendra Jha

Discussant: Monica Anna Giovannello

b) *Markets For Votes: Conflict, Distribution And Welfare.* (382)

Author(s): Monica Anna Giovannello (University of Verona), Herakles Polemarchakis

Discussant: Benjamin Bittschi

c) *Voting On Retirement Age: The Role Of Aging And Intergenerational Redistribution* (413)

Author(s): Benjamin Bittschi (KIT), Berthold Wigger

Discussant: Santanu Gupta

## B11 Theory: Crisis and Bail-Out

• Room 1132

Session Chair: Klaas Staal

a) *Self-Fulfilling Debt Crises: the Role of Cross-Country Assistance* (336)

Author(s): Christian Grisse (SNB), Gisle Natvik

Discussant: Athanassios Pitsoulis

b) *Holding Out for a Better Deal: Brinkmanship in the Greek Bailout Negotiations* (132)

Author(s): Athanassios Pitsoulis (University of Hildesheim), Soeren C. Schwuchow

Discussant: Klaas Staal

c) *Too-Big-To-Fail in Federations* (422)

Author(s): Klaas Staal (Karlstadt University)

Discussant: Christian Grisse

## B12 Theory: Public Choice and History I

• Room 1134

Session Chair: George Tridimas

a) *The Making of State Religion: Public Choice Theory and Historical Evidence* (189)

Author(s): Roland Vaubel (University of Mannheim)

Discussant: Sigmund Wagner-Tsukamoto

b) *Rational Religion: Economic Patterns in Biblical Thought* (246)

Author(s): Sigmund Wagner-Tsukamoto (University of Leicester)

Discussant: George Tridimas

c) *Punishing Politician The Athenian Way: A Public Choice Analysis of Ostracism* (212)

Author(s): George Tridimas (University of Ulster)

Discussant: Roland Vaubel

## Coffee break

• 10.30–11 a.m.

• Prometheus-Halle

## Keynote I

• 11–12 a.m.

• Aula

Prof. Sascha O. Becker, PhD. (Warwick University)

*Religion, Division of Labour, and Conflict*

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## Lunch

• 12–1 p.m.

• Prometheus-Halle

## Social Program

• 1.30–7.30 p.m.



## SOCIAL PROGRAM: WINE TASTING IN BREISACH

The departure for the social activity is at the Konzerthaus Freiburg, Konrad-Adenauer-Platz 1, 79098 Freiburg at 1.45 p.m. Our assistants will escort you. We meet at 1.30 p.m. at the Prometheus-Halle. Please bring your badge and your coupon.

„With its vineyards and vines, wine-villages and little farms, the western edge of the holiday region is one of the favoured destinations for “Viertelerschlotzer”, a name that Baden’s people like to give to somebody who appreciates a good glass of wine. Baden wines are the only ones in Germany that belong to the wine-growing zone B of the EU. Therefore “Black Forest unions” meet higher standards.

In Baden, red and white wines of great repute flourish. The Blaue Spätburgunder dominates in the category of red wines, while in the category of white wines it is the Müller-Thurgau. With regard to the other varieties, each winegrower typically specialises in the regional wine: the Riesling is mostly at home in Ortenau, the Markgräflerland is the land of Gutedel and Burgunder-wines like the Ruländer (Pinot gris) and Weißburgunder (Pinot blanc) are mainly cultivated in Breisgau, Kaiserstuhl or Tuniberg” (text: [www.blackforest-tourism.com](http://www.blackforest-tourism.com)).



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## Keynote II

• 9–10 a.m.

• Aula

Prof. [Eliana La Ferrara](#), PhD. (Università Bocconi, Milano)

*Shaping Educational Careers of Immigrant Children: Aspirations, Cognitive Skills and Teachers' Beliefs*

Eliana La Ferrara is Professor at the Department for Economics of Bocconi University in Milano. She is Dean for Research and Chair in Development Economics. Previously, she has been Visiting Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Her research focuses on Development Economics, Political and Public Economics. She received a PhD at Harvard University with a Thesis on the Effects of Economic Participation. She also holds a doctoral degree from Bocconi University, which she received with work on Financial Constraints in Sub-Saharan Africa. Her research was published in Journals like the American Economic Review, the American Economic Journal, the Journal of Public Economics, the Journal of Development Economics or the Journal of African Economics. She is a Member of the Editorial Board of the Italian Economic Journal, the Journal of African Economies and The World Bank Economic Review.

## Parallel Session C1–C12

• 10–11.30 a.m.

### C1 Empirics: Voting I

• Room 1016

Session Chair: Friedrich Schneider

a) *Biased Policy and Political Behavior* (156)

Author(s): Avi Ben Bassat, [Momi Dahan](#) (Hebrew University), Esteban Klor

Discussant: Pavel Jelnov

b) *The Ruling Party and its Voting Power* (50)

Author(s): [Pavel Jelnov](#) (University of Hannover), Artyom Jelnov

Discussant: Friedrich Schneider

c) *The Popularity Function: A Spurious Regression? The Case of Austria* (184)

Author(s): Reinhard Neck, [Friedrich Schneider](#) (University of Linz)

Discussant: Momi Dahan

### C2 Empirics: Political Budget Cycles

• Room 1023

Session Chair: Antoine Cazals

a) *Politically Driven Cycles In Fiscal Policy: In Depth Analysis Of The Functional Components Of Government Expenditures*. (208)

Author(s): [Vitor Castro](#) (University of Coimbra), Rodrigo Martins

Discussant: Linda Veiga

b) *Political Budget Cycles And Media Freedom* (435)

Author(s): Atsuyoshi Morozumi, Francisco Veiga, [Linda Veiga](#) (Universidade do Minho)

Discussant: Antoine Cazals

c) *Political Budget Cycles: Manipulation of Leaders or Bias from Research?* (147)

Author(s): [Antoine Cazals](#) (CERDI), Pierre Mandon

Discussant: Vitor Castro

### C3 Empirics: Preferences/Beliefs

• Room 1224

Session Chair: Maite Laméris

a) *Profit in Tax-Financed Services: An Experimental Opinion Survey* (445)

Author(s): [Henrik Jordahl](#) (Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN))

Discussant: Elisabeth Bublitz

b) *Reasons for and Consequences of Misperceptions of Income Distributions – Cross-Country Evidence From a Randomized Survey Experiment* (376)

Author(s): [Elisabeth Bublitz](#) (Hamburg Institute of International Economics)

Discussant: Maite Laméris

c) *On the Validation of Political Ideology* (130)

Author(s): Richard Jong-A-Pin, [Maite Laméris](#) (University of Groningen), Rasmus Wiese

Discussant: Henrik Jordahl

### C4 Empirics: Elections

• Room 1228

Session Chair: Jeroen Klomp

a) *Winning Censuses* (390)

Author(s): Ankush Agrawal, [Vikas Kumar](#) (Azim Premji University)

Discussant: Laurent Weill

b) *Politics and Banking in Russia: The Rise of Putin* (152)

Author(s): Koen Schoors, [Laurent Weill](#) (University of Strasbourg)

Discussant: Jeroen Klomp

c) *Political Cycles in Public Natural Disaster Support: A Cross-Country Analysis* (303)

Author(s): [Jeroen Klomp](#) (Wageningen University)

Discussant: Vikas Kumar

### C5 Empirics: Political Transitions

• Room 1015

Session Chair: Antonis Adam

a) *Do Federal Arrangements Deter or Spur Secessionist Movements? Empirical Evidence From Europe* (153)

Author(s): Martin Rode (Universidad de Navarra)

Discussant: Stephan Schneider

b) *It's Scotland's Oil! Assessing Secessionist Party Support with a Difference-in-Differences Approach* (370)

Author(s): Kai Gehring, [Stephan Schneider](#) (University of Heidelberg)

Discussant: Antonis Adam

c) *Sovereign Defaults and Political Regime Transitions* (187)

Author(s): [Antonis Adam](#) (University of Ioannina), Kostas Karanatsis

Discussant: Martin Rode

## C6 Empirics: Public Sector I

• Room 1019

**Session Chair:** Carlos Mulas-Granados

a) *Public Investment Multipliers in EU Countries: Does the Efficiency of Public Sector Matter?* (280)

Author(s): [Sotiris Papaioannou](#) (Centre of Planning and Economic Research)

Discussant: Carlos Mulas-Granados

b) *Now or Later? The Political Economy of Public Investment in Democracies* (433)

Author(s): Sanjeev Gupta, Estelle Liu, [Carlos Mulas-Granados](#) (International Monetary Fund)

Discussant: Sotiris Papaioannou

## C7 Empirics: Central Banks

• Room 1021

**Session Chair:** Davide Romelli

a) *Has the Release of Monetary Data Helped Markets To Predict The Monetary Policy Decisions of the European Central Bank?* (84)

Author(s): [Alexander Jung](#) (European Central Bank)

Discussant: Georgios Chortareas

b) *The Effect of Bank Supervision on Central Bank Preferences: Evidence from Panel Data* (274)

Author(s): [Georgios Chortareas](#) (King's College London)

Discussant: Davide Romelli

c) *The Political Economy of Reforms in Central Bank Design: Evidence From a New Dataset* (168)

Author(s): [Davide Romelli](#) (ESSEC Business School)

Discussant: Alexander Jung

## C8 Empirics: Migration Determinants

• Room 1032

**Session Chair:** Pinar Kunt

a) *Stymied Ambition: Does a Lack of Economic Freedom Lead to Migration?* (162)

Author(s): Daniel Meierrieks, [Laura Renner](#) (University of Freiburg)

Discussant: Irina Mirkina

b) *Pushed by Poverty or by Institutions? Determinants of Global Migration Flows* (260)

Author(s): Andreas Bergh, [Irina Mirkina](#) (Lund University), Therese Nilsson

Discussant: Pinar Kunt

c) *Education, Political Dissatisfaction And Emigration: Evidence From A Natural Experiment* (328)

Author(s): Z. Eylem Gevrek, [Pinar Kunt](#) (University of Konstanz), Heinrich W. Ursprung

Discussant: Laura Renner

## C9 Empirics: Public Health

• Room 1034

**Session Chair:** Jean-Michel Josselin

a) *The Stimulative Effect of an Unconditional Block Grant on the Decentralized Provision of Care* (344)

Author(s): Mark Kattenberg, [Wouter Vermeulen](#) (CPB)

Discussant: Thomas Braendle

b) *What Drives Public Health Care Expenditure Growth? Evidence from Swiss Cantons, 1970-2012* (109)

Author(s): Thomas [Braendle](#) (University of Basel), Carsten Colombier

Discussant: Jean-Michel Josselin

c) *Keep it Complex: Experts and Regulatory Agencies in Public Decisions Surrounded by Structural Uncertainty: A Case-Study of Health Technology Assessment in France.* (324)

Author(s): Salah Ghabri, Françoise Hamers, [Jean-Michel Josselin](#) (University of Rennes I)

Discussant: Wouter Vermeulen

## C10 Theory: Voting II

• Room 1108

**Session Chair:** Stephan Napel

a) *Costly Voting Under Complete Information* (383)

Author(s): [Marco Serena](#) (UC3M and MPI)

Discussant: Jan Zapal

b) *Electing The Pope: Appointments By Repeated Ballots* (469)

Author(s): Clara Ponsati, [Jan Zapal](#) (CERGE-EI, IAE-CSIC, and Barcelona GSE)

Discussant: Stephan Napel

c) *On The Democratic Weights Of Nations* (143)

Author(s): Sascha Kurz, Nicola Maaser, [Stefan Napel](#) (University of Bayreuth)

Discussant: Marco Serena

## C11 Theory: Fiscal Institutions

• Room 1132

**Session Chair:** Ingrid Ott

a) *Tax Competition and Leviathan With Decentralized Leadership* (87)

Author(s): [Steve Billon](#) (University of Strasbourg)

Discussant: Alessia Russo

b) *Compliance Technology and Self-Enforcing Agreements* (181)  
Author(s): Bard Harstad, Francesco Lancia, [Alessia Russo](#) (University of Oslo)  
Discussant: Ingrid Ott

c) *On the Stability Impact of Public Policy Coordination on Agglomeration* (405)  
Author(s): [Ingrid Ott](#) (KIT), Susanne Soretz  
Discussant: Steve Billon

## C12 Theory: Public Choice and History II • Room 1134

**Session Chair:** Arye Hillmann

a) *A Skeptical View of the Separation of Powers: Three Variations on a Theme* (228)  
Author(s): [Giuseppe Eusepi](#) (Sapienza University of Rome)  
Discussant: Raanan Sulitzeanu-Kenan

b) *Refounding Public Choice Theory: Avoiding Cynicism* (425)  
Author(s): [Raanan Sulitzeanu-Kenan](#) (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Eyal Zamir  
Discussant: Arye Hillmann

c) *Academic Exclusion: Some Experiences* (474)  
Author(s): [Arye Hillman](#) (Bar-Ilan University), Heinrich Ursprung  
Discussant: Giuseppe Eusepi

**Coffee break** • 11.30–12 a.m. • Prometheus-Halle

**Parallel Session D1–D12** • 12–1.30 p.m.

## D1 Empirics: Voting II • Room 1016

**Session Chair:** Serguei Kaniovski

a) *Candidate Self- and Voter Selection: Evidence From a Free Market for Executive Political Candidates* (326)  
Author(s): Lars P. Feld, Marc-Daniel Moessinger, [Mustafa Yeter](#) (ZEW Mannheim)  
Discussant: Monika Köppl Turyna

b) *Effectiveness of Campaign Finance Regulation for Salient Issues* (127)  
Author(s): [Monika Köppl Turyna](#) (Agenda Austria)  
Discussant: Serguei Kaniovski

c) *The Probability of Legislative Shirking: Estimation and Validation* (68)  
Author(s): [Serguei Kaniovski](#) (WIFO), David Stadelmann  
Discussant: Mustafa Yeter

## D2 Empirics: Local Public Finance I • Room 1023

**Session Chair:** Christian Frey

a) *Do Small Parties Matter? Political Fragmentation and Local Public Expenditures in Finland* (332)  
Author(s): Kristýna Dostálová, [Benoît Le Maux](#) (University of Rennes I), Antti Moisio  
Discussant: Tushyanthan Baskaran

b) *The Revenue and Base Effects of Local Tax Hikes: Evidence From a Quasi-Experiment* (424)  
Author(s): [Tushyanthan Baskaran](#) (University of Siegen)  
Discussant: Christian Frey

c) *Progressive Taxes and Top Income Shares: A Historical Perspective of Pre- and Post-Tax Income Concentration in Switzerland* (352)  
Author(s): [Christian Frey](#) (University of Lucerne), Christoph A. Schaltegger  
Discussant: Benoît Le Maux

## D3 Empirics: Attitudes and Opinions • Room 1224

**Session Chair:** Orestis Troumpounis

a) *Less Welfare or Fewer Foreigners? Immigrant Inflows and Public Opinion Towards Redistribution and Migration Policy* (220)  
Author(s): [Elie Murard](#) (IZA)  
Discussant: Max Steinhardt

b) *Bitterness in Life and Attitudes Towards Immigration* (398)  
Author(s): Panu Poutvaara, [Max Steinhardt](#) (Helmut-Schmidt University)  
Discussant: Orestis Troumpounis

c) *On the Unidimensionality of Opinions* (438)  
Author(s): Philippos Louis, Tsakas Nikolaos, [Orestis Troumpounis](#) (Lancaster University)  
Discussant: Elie Murard

## D4 Empirics: Politicians • Room 1228

**Session Chair:** Björn Vollan

a) *Do Businessmen Make Good Governors?* (134)  
Author(s): [Florian Neumaier](#) (Philipps-University Marburg)  
Discussant: Rodrigo Praino

b) *Physical Attractiveness, Electoral Success and Electoral Systems: a Natural Experiment Based on German Elections* (37)

Author(s): [Rodrigo Praino](#) (Flinders University), Daniel Stockemer

Discussant: Björn Vollan

c) *Local Leadership, Punishment & Discrimination: Experimental Evidence From Rural Namibia* (185)

Author(s): [Björn Vollan](#) (Philipps-University Marburg)

Discussant: Florian Neumaier

#### D5 Empirics: Economics of Science

• Room 1015

Session Chair: Martin Paldam

a) *Nobel Beauty* (351)

Author(s): [Jan Fidrmuc](#) (Brunel University), Boontarika Paphawasit

Discussant: Gebhard Kirchgässner

b) *On the Process of Scientific Policy Advice - With Special Reference to Economic Policy* (140)

Author(s): [Gebhard Kirchgässner](#) (University of St. Gallen)

Discussant: Martin Paldam

c) *The Rational Economist in Research: A Model* (19)

Author(s): [Martin Paldam](#) (Aarhus University)

Discussant: Jan Fidrmuc

#### D6 Empirics: Public Sector II

• Room 1019

Session Chair: Michael Klien

a) *More Eyes See More: Political Parties and Wasteful Spending in Public Procurement* (310)

Author(s): [Jan Palguta](#) (CERGE-EI)

Discussant: Xavier Lambin

b) *Monopsonistic Public Procurement and Market Integration: Cultivating One's Own Garden* (412)

Author(s): [Xavier Lambin](#) (Toulouse School of Economics)

Discussant: Michael Klien

c) *The Quality of Governance and the Use of Negotiated Procurement Procedures: Evidence From the European Union* (363)

Author(s): [Michael Klien](#) (WIFO)

Discussant: Jan Palguta

#### D7 Empirics: Monetary Issues

• Room 1021

Session Chair: Elena Seghezza

a) *Consensus Under Patriotic Pressure: What Drove Dissent Inside the FOMC During WWII?* (133)

Author(s): [Etienne Farvaque](#) (University of Lilles), Antoine Parent, Piotr Stanek

Discussant: Mai Hassan

b) *Modelling the Egyptian Shadow Economy: A Currency Demand and a Mimic Model Approach* (193)

Author(s): [Mai Hassan](#) (University of Marburg), Friedrich Schneider

Discussant: Elena Seghezza

c) *Reserves Accumulation and Exchange Rate Policy in China: a Case of Political Mercantilism* (421)

Author(s): Giovanni Battista Pittaluga, Pierluigi Morelli, [Elena Seghezza](#) (University of Genoa)

Discussant: Etienne Farvaque

#### D8 Empirics: Migration and Politics

• Room 1032

Session Chair: Audrey Menard

a) *Do Migrants Adopt New Political Attitudes From Abroad? Evidence Using a Multi-Sited Exit-Poll Survey During the 2013 Malian Elections* (49)

Author(s): [Lisa Chauvet](#) (University Paris Dauphine), Flore Gubert, Sandrine Mesplé-Somps

Discussant: Felix Roesel

b) *Between Hitler and Haider – Long-term Impacts of Nazi Migration in Post-WWII Austria* (327)

Author(s): Christian Ochsner, [Felix Roesel](#) (Ifo-Institut Dresden)

Discussant: Audrey Menard

c) *Aid, Trade and Migration: How Are OECD Countries Policies Connected in Times of Crisis?* (107)

Author(s): [Audrey Menard](#) (University of Strasbourg)

Discussant: Lisa Chauvet

#### D9 Empirics: Corruption

• Room 1034

Session Chair: Pilar Sorribas-Navarro

a) *Old and New Insights Into the Emergence and Prevalence of Corruption Around the World: Evidence From a Multi-Level Framework* (388)

Author(s): [Joël Cariolle](#) (FERDI)

Discussant: Sergio Mittlaender-Leme de Souza

b) *Condemning Corruption while Condoning Inefficiency* (391)

Author(s): Paulo Arvate, [Sergio Mittlaender Leme de Souza](#) (MPI for Social Law)

Discussant: Pilar Sorribas-Navarro

c) *Are Non-Majoritarian Governments Bad News for Corruption?* (338)

Author(s): Marc Puigmulé-Solà, Albert Solé-Ollé, [Pilar Sorribas-Navarro](#) (IEB)

Discussant: Joël Cariolle



## D10 Theory: Voting III

• Room 1108

Session Chair: Frank Bohn

a) *On Ignorant Voters And Busy Politicians* (223)

Author(s): Refik Emre Aytumur (University of Goettingen), Christian Bruns

Discussant: Alessandro Belmonte

b) *Sophisticated Electoral Accountability: Political Psychology Meets Agency Theory* (257)

Author(s): Alessandro Belmonte (IMT School of Advanced Studies Lucca)

Discussant: Frank Bohn

c) *Political Cycles: Beyond Rational Expectations* (89)

Author(s): Frank Bohn (Radboud University Nijmegen)

Discussant: Refik Emre Aytumur

## D11 Theory: Law and Economics II

• Room 1132

Session Chair: Miguel Puchades

a) *An Economic Analysis of Debarment* (52)

Author(s): Emmanuelle Auriol, Tina Søreide (Norwegian School of Economics)

Discussant: Tapas Kundu

b) *Delegation in Regulation* (125)

Author(s): Tapas Kundu (UiT The Arctic University of Norway), Tore Nilssen

Discussant: Miguel Puchades

c) *When Public Goods Become Private Goods. The Case for Private Security* (386)

Author(s): Gabriel Domenech, Miguel Puchades (University of Valencia)

Discussant: Tina Søreide

## D12 Theory: Allocation Problems

• Room 1134

Session Chair: Toshihiro Ihuri

a) *Why Northern NGOs Hire Too Many Expatriates and What Southern Governments Do About It* (316)

Author(s): Ami Glazer, Rune Jansen Hagen (University of Bergen), Jørn Rattsø

Discussant: Kimiko Terai

b) *Principal-Agent Problems When Principal Allocates a Budget* (56)

Author(s): Amihai Glazer, Kimiko Terai (Keio University)

Discussant: Toshihiro Ihuri

c) *Flexibility of Deficit Ceiling and Income Fluctuation in a Political Economy* (177)

Author(s): Toshihiro Ihuri (GRIPS), Keiko Kameda

Discussant: Rune Jansen Hagen

## Lunch

• 1–2.30 p.m.

• Prometheus-Halle

## Parallel Session E1–E12

• 2.30–4 p.m.

## E1 Empirics: Voting IV

• Room 1016

Session Chair: David Stadelmann

a) *Saint Peter or the Government: Who is to Blame When Shocks Affect Economic Conditions?* (368)

Author(s): Sergio Sakurai (USP and University of Cambridge)

Discussant: Jaakko Meriläinen

b) *Primary Effect in Open-List Elections* (349)

Author(s): Jaakko Meriläinen (IIES), Janne Tukiainen

Discussant: David Stadelmann

c) *Voting on Embryonic Stem Cell Research: Citizens More Supportive than Politicians* (191)

Author(s): David Stadelmann (University of Bayreuth), Benno Torgler

Discussant: Sergio Sakurai

## E2 Empirics: Local Public Finance II

• Room 1023

Session Chair: Nana Zubek

a) *Tax Effects of Amalgamations: Evidence from Swiss Municipalities* (464)

Author(s): Florian Chatagny (KOF, ETH Zürich)

Discussant: Janine Studerus

b) *Fiscal Effects of Voluntary Municipal Mergers in Switzerland* (371)

Author(s): Christoph A. Schaltegger, Janine Studerus (University of St. Gallen)

Discussant: Nana Zubek

c) *Does Social Capital Increase Local Government Performance? Empirical Evidence From Rural Communities in Poland* (355)

Author(s): Christian Henning, Nana Zubek (Kiel University)

Discussant: Florian Chatagny

## E3 Empirics: Intergenerational Issues

• Room 1224

Session Chair: Piotr Stanek

a) *Policy Preferences for Inheritance Taxation* (180)

Author(s): Ivo Bischoff (University of Kassel), Nataliya Kusa

Discussant: Christoph Schinke

b) *Inter Vivos Transfers and the 2009 German Transfer Tax Reform* (128)

Author(s): Christoph Schinke (IfO Institut)

Discussant: Piotr Stanek

c) *There Is No (Depression) Childhood's End, for Central Bankers too* (139)  
Author(s): Etienne Farvaque, Hakim Hammadou, [Piotr Stanek](#) (Cracow University of Economics)  
Discussant: Ivo Bischoff

#### E4 Empirics: Politics and Psychology

• Room 1015

Session Chair: Pierluigi Conzo

a) *The Big Five Personality Traits and Partisanship in England: Who Are the Core and Swing Voters?* (285)

Author(s): [Toke S. Aidt](#) (University of Cambridge), Christopher Rauh

Discussant: Ludek Kouba

b) *Locus of Control and Support for the Welfare State* (476)

Author(s): [Ludek Kouba](#) (Mendel University Brno), Hans Pitlik

Discussant: Pierluigi Conzo

c) *Culture Will Tear Us Apart: European Differences in Satisfaction of Basic Psychological Needs* (457)

Author(s): Arnstein Aassve, [Pierluigi Conzo](#) (Bocconi University), Giulia Fuochi, Letizia Mencarini

Discussant: Toke S. Aidt

#### E5 Empirics Globalization and Governance

• Room 1228

Session Chair: Julia Debski

a) *Globalization and International Risk-Sharing: Do Political and Social Factors Matter More Than Economic Integration?* (242)

Author(s): Faruk Balli, [Eleonora Pierucci](#) (University of Basilicata)

Discussant: Nabamita Dutta

b) *Economic Globalization and Governance: The Role of Social Globalization* (175)

Author(s): [Nabamita Dutta](#) (University of Wisconsin, La Crosse)

Discussant: Julia Debski

c) *Gender and Corruption: A Reassessment* (144)

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#### E6 Empirics: Public Sector III

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Session Chair: Tarek Harchaoui

a) *Public Sector Efficiency Revisited – the Quality of Public Policy During the Crisis and Beyond* (397)

Author(s): [Beatrice Scheubel](#) (European Central Bank)

Discussant: Javier Perez

b) *Understanding the Public Sector Pay Gap* (209)

Author(s): [Javier Perez](#) (Spanish National Bank)

Discussant: Tarek Harchaoui

c) *Procyclicality in the Public Sector Compensation Bill: Evidence from Canadian Provinces* (337)

Author(s): [Tarek Harchaoui](#) (University of Groningen)

Discussant: Beatrice Scheubel

#### E7 Empirics: Growth I

• Room 1021

Session Chair: Katarína Rimegová

a) *Democracy, Political Competition and Economic Growth* (44)

Author(s): [Anna Laura Baraldi](#) (Second University of Naples), Maria Rosaria Alfano

Discussant: Tommy Krieger

b) *Democracy and Growth: Evidence of a New Measurement* (172)

Author(s): Klaus Gründler, [Tommy Krieger](#) (University of Konstanz)

Discussant: Katarína Rimegová

c) *Regional Economic Growth in the EU: Economic Integration and Redistribution* (356)

Author(s): Jan Fidrmuc, Martin Hulényi, [Katarína Rimegová](#) (Government Office of the Slovak Rep.)

Discussant: Anna Laura Baraldi

#### E8 Empirics: International Policy

• Room 1032

Session Chair: Leo Wangler

a) *Precision-Guided or Blunt? The Effects of UN and US Economic Sanctions on Human Rights* (414)

Author(s): [Jerg Gutmann](#) (University of Hamburg), Matthias Neuenkirch, Florian Neumeier

Discussant: Paul Schaudt

b) *Political Leaders and Foreign Policy Proximity* (302)

Author(s): Tobias Rommel, [Paul Schaudt](#) (University of Hannover)

Discussant: Leo Wangler

c) *How Does Social Connectivity Influence Compliance With Greenhouse Gas Emission Limitation Targets* (455)

Author(s): [Leo Wangler](#) (Institute for Innovation and Technology (iit))

Discussant: Jerg Gutmann

#### E9 Empirics: Corruption II

• Room 1034

Session Chair: Gilberto Turati

a) *Housing Bubbles and Zoning Corruption: Evidence From Greece and Spain* (233)

Author(s): [Antonis Koumpias](#) (Georgia State University), Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, Eduardo Sanz-Arcega

Discussant: Cameron Shelton

b) *Estimating the Productivity Cost of Crony Capitalism* (462)  
 Author(s): **Cameron Shelton** (Claremont McKenna College), Yelena Tuzova  
 Discussant: Gilberto Turati

c) *Corruption, Mass Media and Organ Donation. Identifying the Indirect Effects of Corruption in the Health Care System* (366)  
 Author(s): Alida Sangrigoli, Giuseppe Sorrenti, **Gilberto Turati** (Sapienza University)  
 Discussant: Antonis Koumpias

**E10 Contests** • Room 1108

Session Chair: Caleb Koch

a) *Comparing Contest Success Functions: Evidence from Virtual worlds* (439)  
 Author(s): Sébastien Massoni, Carl D. Mildenerger, **Antoine Pietri** (University Paris I)  
 Discussant: Vigile Marie Fabella

b) *Strategic Compromise in Contests with Two-Dimensional Policy Spaces* (394)  
 Author(s): Luna Bellani, **Vigile Marie Fabella** (University of Konstanz)  
 Discussant: Caleb Koch

c) *Contests Evolving* (192)  
 Author(s): **Caleb Koch** (ETH Zürich), Heinrich Nax  
 Discussant: Antoine Pietri

**E11 Law & Economics II** • Room 1132

Session Chair: Jan Auerbach

a) *Judicial Errors, Crime Deterrence And Everything In Between: Evidence From U.S. Federal Courts* (273)  
 Author(s): **Roe Sarel** (Frankfurt School of Finance and Management)  
 Discussant: Ronald Wintrobe

b) *Il Padrone's Dilemma: A Simple Model Of Mafia Decision Making And Ungoverned Spaces* (248)  
 Author(s): **Ronald Wintrobe** (Western University)  
 Discussant: Jan Auerbach

c) *Property Rights Enforcement with Unverifiable Incomes* (166)  
 Author(s): **Jan Auerbach** (University of Exeter)  
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**E12 Theory: Political Stability** • Room 1134

Session Chair: Joanna Tyrowicz

a) *Equilibria and Stability in A Model of Political and Social Conflict. The Symmetric Case* (266)  
 Author(s): Fausto Cavalli, **Mario Gilli** (University of Milano Bicocca), Ahmad Naimzada  
 Discussant: Joanna Tyrowicz

b) *Political (In)Stability of Social Security Reform* (160)  
 Author(s): **Joanna Tyrowicz** (National Bank of Poland, University of Warsaw), Krzysztof Makarski  
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Parallel Session F1–F12 • 9–10.30 a.m.

### F1 Empirics: Voting Models

• Room 1016

Session Chair: Bernard Grofman

a) *Networks As Determinants Of Voter Behavior For The Farm And Non-Farm Population: An Estimation Of Spatial Voting Models Using Latent Class Analysis* (206)

Author(s): Christian H.C.A. Henning, Svetlana Petri (University of Kiel)

Discussant: Ulrich Matter

b) *Uncovering Vote Trading Through Networks And Computation* (222)

Author(s): Omar Guerrero, Ulrich Matter (University of Basel)

Discussant: Joan Serra

c) *Uncertain Ideal Points And Vote Choice* (431)

Author(s): Joan Serra (University of Bochum)

Discussant: Bernard Grofman

### F2 Empirics: Local Public Finance III

• Room 1023

Session Chair: Emma Galli

a) *Re-Municipalisation is Becoming More and More Important in the Netherlands: Some Explanations* (276)

Author(s): Raymond Gradus (VU University Amsterdam)

Discussant: Henrik Christoffersen

b) *When the Manger is Empty – the Welfare Coalition in Denmark With Pressure on the Municipal Budgets* (369)

Author(s): Henrik Christoffersen (CEPOS); Karsten Bo Larsen

Discussant: Emma Galli

c) *Transparency and Performance in the Italian Municipalities (2010 and 2014)* (415)

Author(s): Emma Galli (DiSSE), Ilde Rizzo, Carla Scaglioni

Discussant: Raymond Gradus

### F3 Empirics: Determinants of Well-Being

• Room 1224

Session Chair: Therese Nilsson

a) *(Mis-)Predicted Subjective Well-Being Following Life Events* (69)

Author(s): Reto Odermatt (University of Basel), Alois Stutzer

Discussant: Christian Krekel

b) *Does the Presence of Wind Turbines Have Negative Externalities for People in Their Surroundings? Evidence from Well-Being Data* (217)

Author(s): Christian Krekel (DIW Berlin), Alexander Zerrahn

Discussant: Therese Nilsson

c) *What Aspects of Society Affect the Quality of Life of a Minority? Global Evidence From the New Gay Happiness Index* (265)

Author(s): Niclas Berggren, Christian Bjørnskov, Therese Nilsson (Lund University)

Discussant: Reto Odermatt

### F4 Empirics: Politicians' Behavior

• Room 1228

Session Chair: Marco Portmann

a) *Politicians under Investigation: The News Media's Effect on the Likelihood of Resignation* (312)

Author(s): Marcel Garz (Hamburg Media School), Jil Soerensen

Discussant: Nicolas Gavaille

b) *Who Are the „Ghost Deputies“? Evidence From the French Parliament* (470)

Author(s): Nicolas Gavaille (Stockholm School of Economics in Riga)

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c) *Do Interest Group Affiliations Affect the Behavior of Politicians?* (252)

Author(s): Marco Portmann (University of Fribourg), David Stadelmann

Discussant: Marcel Garz

### F5 Empirics: Culture and Institutions

• Room 1034

Session Chair: Daniel Bennett

a) *Is Household Saving Determined by Culture or Institutions?* (198)

Author(s): Eelke de Jong (Radboud University Nijmegen), Annemiek Schilpzand

Discussant: Rajesh Ramachandran

b) *Linguistic Diversity, Official Language Choice and Nation Building: Theory and Evidence* (420)

Author(s): David Laitin, Rajesh Ramachandran (Goethe-University Frankfurt)

Discussant: Daniel Bennett

c) *Do Capitalist Institutions Promote Greater Happiness Equality?* (131)

Author(s): Daniel Bennett (Patrick Henry College), Boris Nikolaev

Discussant: Eelke de Jong

## F6 Empirics: Fiscal Policy

• Room 1019

Session Chair: Djedje Hermann Yohou

a) *Electoral Promises and the Composition of Government Spending: Commitment or Shirking?* (350)

Author(s): François Facchini, Giuseppe Lucio Gaeta, Benjamin Michallet (Université Paris I)

Discussant: Zareh Asatryan

b) *The Effect of Remittances on Tax Revenue and Tax Policy in Developing Countries* (313)

Author(s): Zareh Asatryan (ZEW Mannheim), Cesar Castellon, Thomas Stratmann

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c) *In Search of Fiscal Space in Africa: the Role of the Quality of Government Spending* (297)

Author(s): Djedje Hermann Yohou (CERDI-University of Auvergne)

Discussant: Benjamin Michallet

## F7 Empirics: Growth II

• Room 1021

Session Chair: Atin Basuchoudhary

a) *The Sugar Rush of Innovation Subsidies – A Robust Political Economy Perspective* (230)

Author(s): Anders Gustafsson (Ratio, Jönköping IBS), Alice Hallman, Nils Karlson, Andreas Stephan

Discussant: Maria Riem

b) *Corporate Investment Decisions Under Political Uncertainty* (258)

Author(s): Maria Riem (ifo institute)

Discussant: Atin Basuchoudhary

c) *New Machine Learning Tools for Predicting Economic Growth: A Guide for Public Choice* (145)

Author(s): James Bang, Atin Basuchoudhary (Virginia Military Institute), Tinni Sen

Discussant: Anders Gustafsson

## F8 Empirics: International Institutions

• Room 1032

Session Chair: Valentin Lang

a) *The Politicization of UNESCO World Heritage Decision Making* (136)

Author(s): Enrico Bertacchini (University of Torino), Claudia Liuzza, Lynn Meskell, Donatella Saccone

Discussant: Hakan Gunaydin

b) *IMF Conditionality, Partisanship and Special Interests: Determinants of Program Implementation in Labor Market and Financial Sector* (296)

Author(s): Hakan Gunaydin (University of Pittsburgh)

Discussant: Valentin Lang

c) *The Democratic Deficit and its Consequences: The Causal Effect of IMF Programs on Inequality* (399)

Author(s): Valentin Lang (University of Heidelberg)

Discussant: Enrico Bertacchini

## F9 Empirics: Protest

• Room 1015

Session Chair: Raphael Franck

a) *Elections, Protest and Trust in Government: A Natural Experiment from Russia* (269)

Author(s): Ekaterina Borisova (Higher School of Economics Moscow), Timothy Frye

Discussant: Lena Gerling

b) *Youth Bulges, Insurrections, and Politico-Economic Institutions – Theory and Empirical Evidence* (197)

Author(s): Thomas Apolte, Lena Gerling (University of Münster)

Discussant: Raphael Franck

c) *Democratic Reform in an Oligarchy: Popular Protest, Political Opportunism and the Roll Call Vote on the Great Reform Act of 1832* (186)

Author(s): Toke S. Aidt, Raphael Franck (Bar Ilan University)

Discussant: Ekaterina Borisova

## F10 Theory: Conflict and Cooperation

• Room 1108

Session Chair: Hans-Peter Weikard

a) *Cooperative and Non-Cooperative Policy Experiments* (171)

Author(s): Carsten Hefeker (University of Siegen), Michael Neugart

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b) *Friends and Foes at Work: Assigning Teams in a Social Network* (387)

Author(s): Thomas Daske (TU München)

Discussant: Hans-Peter Weikard

c) *River Sharing and Water Trade* (468)

Author(s): Erik Ansink, Michael Gengenbach, Hans-Peter Weikard (Wageningen University)

Discussant: Thomas Daske

## F11 Theory: Quality of Institutions

• Room 1132

Session Chair: Miquel Pellicer

a) *Inertia and Public Bureaucracy: The Imprint of the Bureaucrat* (268)

Author(s): Shaheen Naseer (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Klaus Heine

Discussant: Alessandro Fedele

b) *Wrong Politicians* (353)

Author(s): Alessandro Fedele (University of Bozen), Pierpaolo Giannoccolo

Discussant: Miquel Pellicer

c) *The Demand Side of Clientelism: The Role of Client Perceptions and Values* (341)

Author(s): Lindsay Benstead, Harold Kincaid, Ellen Lust, Miquel Pellicer (GIGA), Eva Wegner, Juanita Vasquez

Discussant: Saheen Naseer

## F12 Theory: Social Norms

• Room 1134

Session Chair: Simon Scheller

a) *Cardinal Voting: The Way to Escape the Social Choice Impossibility* (58)

Author(s): [Sergei Vasiljev](#) (Micron. Co, Novosibirsk)

Discussant: Sebastián Cea

b) *Generalized Trust and Efficiency* (379)

Author(s): [Sebastián Cea](#) (Paris University I), [Alejandra Marinovic](#)

Discussant: Simon Scheller

c) *Mitigating the Problem of Manipulation in the „Adjusted Winner“ Procedure* (381)

Author(s): [Simon Scheller](#) (University of Bamberg)

Discussant: Sergej Vasiljev

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## Parallel Session G1–G12

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### G1 Empirics: Voter Turnout

• Room 1016

Session Chair: Katharina Hofer

a) *Voter Turnout and Inheritance Rules: Evidence From an Alpine Region* (304)

Author(s): [Andrea Bonoldi](#), [Chiara Dalle Nogare](#) (University of Brescia), [Niklas Potrafke](#)

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b) *Voter Turnout in European Parliament Elections: A Spatial Analysis* (380)

Author(s): [Nadia Fiorino](#) (University of L'Aquila), [Nicola Pontarollo](#), [Roberto Ricciuti](#)

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c) *Turnout in Legislative Voting* (395)

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### G2 Empirics: Interjurisdictional Competition

• Room 1023

Session Chair: [Marie-Pierre Hory](#)

a) *Community Size and Tax Rate Setting Behavior: No Asymmetric Tax Competition in Switzerland.* (226)

Author(s): [Peter Schwarz](#) (ESTV)

Discussant: [Andras Gregor](#)

b) *Intergovernmental Transfers and the Political Competition in Hungary* (235)

Author(s): [Andras Gregor](#) (UCL)

Discussant: [Marie-Pierre Hory](#)

c) *Fiscal Interactions in Europe* (227)

Author(s): [Marie-Pierre Hory](#) (University of Orléans)

Discussant: [Peter Schwarz](#)

### G3 Empirics: Intergenerational Transmission

• Room 1224

Session Chair: [Niclas Berggren](#)

a) *Trust Towards Institutions Among European Immigrants* (374)

Author(s): [Ilpo Kauppinen](#) (Vatt Institute for Economic Research)

Discussant: [Sara Tonini](#)

b) *The Transmission of Trust Through Generations* (460)

Author(s): [Corrado Giulietti](#), [Enrico Rettore](#), [Sara Tonini](#) (University of Trento, IZA)

Discussant: [Niclas Berggren](#)

c) *Does Being Religious Make You Sick? New Causal Evidence From Across Europe* (120)

Author(s): [Niclas Berggren](#) (Research Institute of Industrial Economics), [Martin Ljunge](#)

Discussant: [Ilpo Kauppinen](#)

### G4 Empirics: The Effect of Media

• Room 1015

Session Chair: [Bernd Hayo](#)

a) *Does Public Attention Reduce the Influence of Special Interest Groups? Policy Positions on SOPA/PIPA Before and After the Internet Blackout* (119)

Author(s): [Ulrich Matter](#), [Alois Stutzer](#) (University of Basel)

Discussant: [Matthias Neuenkirch](#)

b) *Can Media Consumption Explain the Relationship Between Political Preferences and Households' Views on Inflation?* (148)

Author(s): [David-Jan Jansen](#), [Matthias Neuenkirch](#) (University of Trier)

Discussant: [Bernd Hayo](#)

c) *The Influence of Media Use on Laymen's Monetary Policy Knowledge in Germany* (231)

Author(s): [Bernd Hayo](#) (University of Marburg), [Edith Neuenkirch](#)

Discussant: [Alois Stutzer](#)

### G5 Empirics: Constitutions

• Room 1034

Session Chair: [Katarzyna Metelska-Szaniawska](#)

a) *The Determinants of Emergency Constitutions* (340)

Author(s): [Christian Bjørnskov](#), [Stefan Voigt](#) (University of Hamburg)

Discussant: [Marek Endrich](#)

b) *The Enforcement Of Constitutional Provisions: The Case Of Labor Standards* (426)

Author(s): [Marek Endrich](#) (University of Hamburg)

Discussant: Katarzyna Metelska-Szaniawska

c) *Post-Socialist Constitutions: The De Jure-De Facto Gap, Its Effects And Determinants* (459)

Author(s): [Katarzyna Metelska-Szaniawska](#) (University of Warsaw)

Discussant: Stefan Voigt

## G6 Empirics: Fiscal Policy II

• Room 1019

**Session Chair:** Maximilian Todtenhaupt

a) *Taxes and Income Inequality in the OECD* (254)

Author(s): [Chris Doucouliagos](#) (Deakin University), Rabi Islam, Jakob Madsen

Discussant: François Facchini

b) *An Explanation for French Leviathan Fiscal History (1870-2010)* (400)

Author(s): [François Facchini](#) (RITM Paris-Sud), Etienne Jean-Michel

Discussant: Chris Doucouliagos

c) *An Analysis of VAT-Exemption-Thresholds Around the World* (429)

Author(s): Zareh Asatryan, [Maximilian Todtenhaupt](#) (University of Mannheim, ZEW)

Discussant: Maximilian Todtenhaupt

## G7 Empirics: Income Inequality

• Room 1021

**Session Chair:** Jan-Egbert Sturm

a) *Political Capitalism: The Interaction Between Income Inequality, Economic Freedom and Democracy* (230)

Author(s): Tim Krieger, [Daniel Meierrieks](#) (University of Freiburg)

Discussant: Weijie Luo

b) *Inequality and the Size of Government* (258)

Author(s): [Weijie Luo](#) (University of York), Andrew Pickering, Paulo Santos Monteiro

Discussant: Jan-Egbert Sturm

c) *Finance and Income Inequality Revisited* (145)

Author(s): Jakob De Haan, [Jan-Egbert Sturm](#) (KOF, ETH Zürich)

Discussant: Daniel Meierrieks

## G9 Empirics: Conflicts

• Room 1228

**Session Chair:** Christopher Rauh

a) *Political Representation And Armed Conflict: Evidence From Local Councils In Colombia* (245)

Author(s): [Hector Galindo Silva](#) (Institute of Political Economy and Governance)

Discussant: Andrea Sáenz de Viteri

b) *Contagious Disease Or Genetic Disorder? An Empirical Analysis Of A Symptomatology Of Violence In Mexico.* (314)

Author(s): Ekaterina Borisova, [Andrea Sáenz de Viteri](#) (London School of Economics)

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c) *Prediction Of Political Violence Using Newspaper Text* (330)

Author(s): Lena Gerling, [Christopher Rauh](#) (University of Cambridge)

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## G10 Theory: Armed Conflict

• Room 1108

**Session Chair:** Mario Ferrero

a) *With a Little Help From My Foes: A Model of Security Spill-Over-Effects in Wars of Conquest* (262)

Author(s): [Soeren Schwuchow](#) (BTU Cottbus)

Discussant: Soumyanetra Munshi

b) *On Government-Industry Nexus and Indigenous Armed Resistance* (270)

Author(s): [Soumyanetra Munshi](#) (Indian Statistical Institute)

Discussant: Mario Ferrero

c) *The Herostratos Syndrome and the Mohamed Merah Paradox.* (306)

Author(s): Jean-Paul Azam, [Mario Ferrero](#) (University of Eastern Piedmont)

Discussant: Soeren Schwuchow

## G11 Intertemporal Issues

• Room 1132

**Session Chair:** Moritz Drupp

a) *Do Positional Preferences for Wealth and Consumption Cause Inter-Temporal Distortions?* (286)

Author(s): [Sugata Ghosh](#) (Brunel University), Ronald Wendner

Discussant: Moritz Drupp

b) *Discounting Disentangled* (63)

Author(s): [Moritz Drupp](#) (University of Kiel), Mark Freeman, Ben Groom

Discussant: Sugata Ghosh

## G12 Theory: Reforms

• Room 1134

**Session Chair:** Louis Jaeck

a) *Public Debt and the Political Economy of Reforms* (216)

Author(s): Pierre Boyer, [Christoph Esslinger](#) (University of Mannheim)

Discussant: Zsuzsa Munkacsi

b) *Pension Reforms and the Shadow Economy* (95)

Author(s): Daniel Baksa, [Zsuzsa Munkacsi](#) (European University Institute)

Discussant: Louis Jaeck

c) *FDI Policy Liberalization and Labor Market Reform: a Political Economy Approach* (251)

Author(s): [Louis Jaeck](#) (United Arab Emirates University), Sehjeong Kim

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