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18th Workshop on Political Economy

Saturday 15.00 pm July 25 – Wednesday 13.00 pm July 29
Conference Room
Hotel Schweizerhof, Pontresina, Switzerland

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2. Authors (and discussants, if applicable) should be present in the conference room to place their presentation files on the computer 15 minutes before the beginning of the first session of the day.

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2. The discussion should not summarize the paper.
3. The discussion should focus on main issues; minor points can be discussed in private afterwards.
4. Discussants are not allowed to use more than 2 slides if any.
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1. The role of discussion openers is to start the general discussion.
2. Discussion openers are requested to ask one or two broad questions on the paper, after the discussant.
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4. Discussion openers are not allowed to use slides.

PROGRAM

DAY 1: SATURDAY JULY 25

15.30 pm Welcome

Session 1: Chair, Jakob De Haan

15.45 pm

- ◆ **Alexander Mihailov (University of Reading)**, “Intergenerational Transmission of Inflation Aversion: Theory and Evidence”, with Etienne Farvaque.
Discussant: Giacomo De Luca
Discussion opener: Carsten Hefeker

16.20 pm

- ◆ **Günther G. Schulze (University of Freiburg)**, “Terrorist Recruitment and the State of the Economy”, with Krisztina Kis-Katos and Ahmet Turgut.
Discussant: Axel Dreher
Discussion opener: Martin Gassebner

--- BREAK: 16.55 - 17.15 pm

Session 2: Chair, Toke Aidt

17.15 pm

- ◆ **Philipp an de Meulen (RWTH Aachen University)**, “Why Don’t Labor and Capital Flow Between Young and Old Countries?”, with Lena Calahorrano.
Discussant: Christoph Lülfsmann
Discussion opener: Giuseppe Russo

17.50 pm

- ◆ **Jamus Lim (University of California, Santa Cruz)**, “Institutions, Education, and Economic Performance”, with Jonathan Adams-Kane.
Discussant: Niklas Potrafke
Discussion opener: Miriam Golden

--- 18.25 pm – END

--- 19.00 pm – DINNER at the hotel

21.00 pm – AFTER-DINNER PAPER

Chair, Pierre-Guillaume Méon

- ◆ **Martin Paldam (University of Aarhus)**, “The agricultural and the democratic transitions: Causality and the Roundup model”, with Erich Gundlach.
Discussant: Giuseppe Russo
Discussion opener: Jakob De Haan

DAY 2: SUNDAY JULY 26

7.30 am - BREAKFAST

Session 3: Chair, Roland Vaubel

8.45 am

- ◆ **Felix Bierbrauer (Max Planck Institute)**, “Winners and Losers of Early Elections: On the Welfare Implications of Political Blockades and Early Elections”, with Lydia Mechtenberg
Discussant: Philipp an de Meulen
Discussion opener: Dana Sisak

9.20 am

- ◆ **Julia Shvets (University of Cambridge)**, “Legislative bargaining: empirical evidence from the Missouri House of Representatives”, with Toke Aidt
Discussant: Thomas Brändle
Discussion opener: Nicolaus Tideman

9.55 am

- ◆ **Frank Bohn (Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen)**, “Political Transfer Cycles”, with Pierre-Guillaume Méon
Discussant: Alexander Mihailov
Discussion opener: Colin Jennings

--- 10.30 am – 10.55 am *COFFEE BREAK*

Session 4: Chair, Hans Peter Grüner

10.55 am

- ◆ **Anne Boring (Université Paris Dauphine)**, “Lobbying and contributions to influence voters: The example of U.S. drug re-imports”.
Discussant: Rajeev Goel
Discussion opener: Martin Gassebner

11.30 am

- ◆ **Christina Kolerus (Mannheim University)**, “Public Ownership as a Redistribution Device”
Discussant: Felix Bierbrauer
Discussion opener: Mor Zahavi

--- 12.05 pm – *END*

--- 12.20 pm – *MEET OUTSIDE HOTEL*

--- 19.00 pm – *DINNER IN HONOUR OF PETER BERNHOLZ*

21.30 pm – AFTER-DINNER PAPER

Chair, Heinrich Ursprung

- ◆ **Nicolaus Tideman (University of Buckingham)**, “Global Economic Justice”
Discussant: Arye Hillman
Discussion opener: Jan Fidrmuc

DAY 3: MONDAY JULY 27

7.30 am - BREAKFAST

Session 5: Chair, Jan Fidrmuc

8.45 am

- ◆ **Maria Laura Di Tommaso (University of Torino)**, “Gender quotas in Italy: A random utility model of voting behavior”, with G. Bonomi and G. Brose.
Discussant: Pierre-Guillaume Méon
Discussion opener: Alireza Naghavi

9.20 am

- ◆ **Giacomo De Luca (University of Namur)**, “Strategic Registration of Voters: The Chilean Case”.
Discussant: Miriam Golden
Discussion opener: Toke Aidt

9.55 am

- ◆ **Hans Peter Grüner (University of Mannheim)**, “Public goods, participation constraints, and democracy: A possibility theorem”.
Discussant: Carsten Hefeker
Discussion opener: Mor Zahavi

--- 10.30 am – 10.55 am *COFFEE BREAK*

Session 6: Chair, Martin Gassebner

10.55 am

- ◆ **Jan Fidrmuc (Brunel University)**, “Making Change Happen? The Impact of EBRD Investment on Growth, Reform and Institutions in Post-communist Countries”.
Discussant: Hans-Peter Grüner
Discussion opener: Anne Boring

11.30 am

- ◆ **Colin Jennings (University of Strathclyde)**, “A Model of Political Agency with Emotional Voters”.
Discussant: Dana Sisak
Discussion opener: Thomas Braendle

--- 12.05 pm – *END*

--- 12.20 pm – *MEET OUTSIDE HOTEL*

--- 19.00 pm – *DINNER*

21.00 pm – AFTER-DINNER PAPER

Chair, Carsten Hefeker

- ◆ **Axel Dreher (Georg-August University, Göttingen) and Jan-Egbert Sturm (ETH_KOF Zurich)**, “Global horse trading and its consequences”, with James Vreeland.
Discussant: Roland Vaubel
Discussion opener: Maria Laura Di Tommaso

DAY 4: TUESDAY JULY 28

7.30 am - BREAKFAST

Session 7: Chair, Arye Hillman

8.45 am

- ◆ **Miriam Golden (University of California at Los Angeles)**, “Political Corruption in Wealthy and Poor Democracies”
Discussant: Toke Aidt
Discussion opener: Pierre-Guillaume Méon

9.20 am

- ◆ **Christoph Lülfesman (Simon Fraser University)**, “The Architecture of Federations: Constitutions, Bargaining, and Moral Hazard”, with Kessler and Myers.
Discussant: Hans-Peter Grüner
Discussion opener: Athanassios Pitsoulis

9.55 am

- ◆ **Rajeev K. Goel (Illinois State University)**, “Exports and Cross-Country Corruption: A Disaggregated Analysis”, with Iikka Korhonen.
Discussant: Jakob De Haan
Discussion opener: Jamus Jerome Lim

--- 10.30 am – 10.55 am COFFEE BREAK

Session 6: Chair, Axel Dreher

10.55 am

- ◆ **Mor Zahavi (Bar Ilan University)**, “When is rational ignorance detrimental in group decision making?”
Discussant: Colin Jennings
Discussion opener: Alexander Mihailov

11.30 am

- ◆ **Alireza Naghavi (University of Bologna)**, “Natural resources, polarization and conflict: A simple model of a complex relationship”, with Kjetil Bjorvatn.
Discussant: Martin Paldam
Discussion opener: Dana Sisak

--- 12.05 pm – END

--- 12.20 pm – MEET OUTSIDE HOTEL

21.00 pm – AFTER-DINNER PAPER

Chair: Martin Paldam

- ◆ **Lars P. Feld (Ruprecht-Karls University, Heidelberg)**, “On the Interaction between Fiscal Federalism and Regional Structural Change”, with Thushyanthan Baskaran and Jan Schnellenbach.
Discussant: Nicolaus Tideman
Discussion opener: Günther Schulze

DAY 5: WEDNESDAY JULY 29

7.30 am - BREAKFAST

Session 9: Chair, Heinrich Ursprung

8.45 am

- ◆ **Niklas Potrafke (University of Konstanz)**, “Politics and privatization in Central and Eastern Europe: A panel data analysis”, with Christian Bjørnskov.
Discussant: Carsten Hefeker
Discussion opener: Roland Vaubel

9.20 am

- ◆ **Athanassios Pitsoulis (Brandenburg University of Technology)**, “The Egalitarian Battlefield: On the Origins of the Majority Rule in Ancient Greece”
Discussant: Julia Alexa Bard
Discussion opener: Roland Vaubel

9.55 am

- ◆ **Thomas Brändle (University of Basel)**, “Bureaucrats in Parliament: Theory and Evidence on Its Determinants in Germany”, with Alois Stutzer.
Discussant: Lars Feld
Discussion opener: Nicklas Potrafke

--- **10.30 am – 10.55 am COFFEE BREAK**

Session 10: Chair, Jan-Egbert Sturm

10.55 am

- ◆ **Dana Sisak (University of St.Gallen)**, “Where ignorance is bliss, ’tis folly to be wise - the value of information in contests”, with Philipp G. Denter.
Discussant: Felix Bierbrauer
Discussion opener: Christoph Lülkesmann

11.30 am

- ◆ **Martin Gassebner (ETH-KOF Zurich)**, “The effect of the protection and stability of creditor rights on the fifth wave of M&As”, with Pierre-Guillaume Méon.
Discussant: Jamus Jerome Lim
Discussion opener: Giuseppe Russo

--- **12.05 NUT CAKE* AND COFFEE**

* The nut cake is sponsored by the author(s) of the paper that is judged furthest from “political economy”.