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Recommended for long-distance and intercontinental participants

FRIDAY JULY 23, SATURDAY JULY 24

Breakfast 7.00 am, dinner 19.00 pm at the hotel (separate section in the dining room)

SUNDAY JULY 25

7.00 am – breakfast at the hotel (separate section for workshop participants)

9.00 am – 12.00 noon – optional mountain walk (meet in lobby)

13.15 Welcome remarks: Arye Hillman

Session 1.1: Chair, Jan-Egbert Sturm

13.20 (1)

Klaus Gründler and Niklas Potrafke Gruendler@ifo.de

Policy advice of economic experts: facts or preferences?

Discussion opens: Vera Eichenauer, Giovanni Battista Pittaluga

13.55 (2)

David Stadelmann, Gustavo Torrens David.Stadelmann@uni-bayreuth.de

Voters, special interest groups or parties - who matters in the process of political representation?

Discussion opens: Jacek Lewkowicz, Koen Schoors

14.30 (3)

Roland Hodler roland.hodler@unisg.ch

Ethno-federalism and ethnic voting in Kenya

Discussion opens: Jean-Paul Azam, Frank Bohn

15.05 – 15.30 Coffee

Session 1.2: Chair, Niklas Potrafke

15.30 (4)

Jerg Gutmann, Matthias Neuenkirch, Florian Neumeier jerg.gutmann@ile-hamburg.de

The economic effects of international sanctions: an event study

Discussion opens: Tommy Krieger, Kai Gehring

16.05 (5)

François Facchini and Elena Seghezza francois.facchini@univ-paris1.fr; seghezza@unige.it

Bureaucratic power and tax effort: the case of France

Discussion opens: Jean Lacroix, Laurent Simula

16.40 – 17.00 Break

Session 1.3: Chair, François Facchini

17.00 (6)

Andreas Graefe and Panu Poutvaara Poutvaara@ifo.de

Do Americans favor female or male politicians? Evidence from experimental elections

Discussion opens: Jordan Adamson, Michael Dorsch

17.35 (7)

Aart Gerritsen and Laurent Simula laurent.simula@ens-lyon.fr

The distortive costs of nonlinear taxation

Discussion opens: David Stadelmann, Timo Wochner

END 18.10 ----- DINNER 19.00 pm

MONDAY JULY 26

7.00 am – BREAKFAST

Session 2.1: Chair, Elena Seghezza

8.15 am (8)

Toke S. Aidt, Jean Lacroix, Pierre-Guillaume Méon Jean.Lacroix@ulb.be

The origins of elite persistence: evidence from political purges in post-World War II France

Discussion openers: Jean-Paul Azam, Laurent Simula

8.50 am (9)

Jan Fałkowski and Jacek Lewkowicz jfalkowski@wne.uw.edu.pl; jlewkowicz@wne.uw.edu.pl>

Is this still a political competition or already a fight to the death? Looking at the voting behavior in the Polish parliament

Discussion openers: Jan Fidrmuc, Marko Frank

9.25 am (10)

Vera Z. Eichenauer eichenauer@kof.ethz.ch

Burden-shifting, encroaching and shirking: Federalism in a pandemic crisis

Discussion openers: Debora Di Giocchino, Roland Hodler

Coffee break 10.00 am – 10.30 am

Session 2.2: Chair, Niklas Potrafke

10.30 am (11)

Anna Maria Koukal, Patricia Schafer, Reiner Eichenberger patricia.schafer@unifr.ch

Political power sharing with the young: the role of direct democracy

Discussion openers: Timo Wochner, Stephan Schneider

11.05 am (12)

Stephanie Furer, Anna Maria Koukal and Jonathan Massonnet annamaria.koukal@unifr.ch

Political devaluation? Lessons from emancipating women in politics

Discussion openers: Melanie Häner, Vera Eichenauer

11.40 am (13)

Abel François, Nicolas Lagios, Pierre-Guillaume Méon P-Guillaume.Meon@ulb.be

Constituency size and perceived corruption of government

Discussion openers: Katarina Zigova, Anina Harter

12.15 END ----- 19.00 DINNER

Session 2.4: Chair, Pierre-Guillaume Méon

20.35 (14)

Jean-Paul Azam and Véronique Thelen Jean-Paul.Azam@ut-capitole.fr

How the aid boom pacified sub-Saharan Africa: Donors' motives and timely information

Discussion openers: Martin Paldam, Giovanni Battista Pittaluga

TUESDAY JULY 27

7.00 am – BREAKFAST

Session 3.1: Chair, Christoph Schaltegger

8.20 am (14)

Valentin Lang and Stephan A. Schneider schneider@kof.ethz.ch

Migration and the far right: short and long run evidence from a natural experiment

Discussion openers: Panu Poutvaara, Peter Nannestad

8.55 am (15)

Jordan Adamson adamson@wifa.uni-leipzig.de

Trade and the rise of ancient Greek city-states

Discussion openers: Marko Frank, Patricia Schafer

9.30 am (16)

Klaus Gründler, Armin Hackenberger, Anina Harter, Niklas Potrafke harter@ifo.de

Covid-19 vaccination: The role of crisis experience

Discussion openers: David Stadelmann, Michael Dorsch

Coffee break 10.05 – 10.30 am

Session 3.2: Chair, François Facchini

10.30 am (17)

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The long shadow of imperial rule on compliance behavior

Discussion openers: Jerg Gutmann, Fabian Ruthhardt

11.05 am (18)

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Smart, rich and with wealthy parents: How assortative mating affects inequality in Switzerland

Discussion openers: Klaus Gründler, Anna Maria Koukal

11.40 am (19)

Giovanni Battista Pittaluga, Alessio Reghezza and Elena Seghezza pittagb@unige.it; seghezza@unige.it

Economic diversification, democracy and output volatility

Discussion openers: Jordan Adamson, Peter Bernhoz

12.15 END ----- 19.00 DINNER

Session 3.4: Chair, Giovanni Battista Pittaluga

20.35 (20)

Arye L. Hillman arye.hillman@biu.ac.il

The economic and politics of international migration

Discussion openers: François Facchini, Jan Fałkowski

WEDNESDAY JULY 28

7.00 am – BREAKFAST

Session 4.1: Chair, Niklas Potrafke

8.20 am (21)

David Canning, Debora Di Gioacchino, Simone Tedeschi debora.digioacchino@uniroma1.it

(Revealed) Household Preferences for savings around retirement: how the benefits of marriage are divided within the couple

Discussion openers: Elena Seghezza, Roland Hodler

8.55 am (22)

Peter Nannestad pnannestad@ps.au.dk

Less warm glow, less charitable giving? The case of blood donation vs. post-mortem organ donation in Denmark

Discussion openers: Christoph Schaltegger, Anina Hartner

9.30 am (23)

Thomas Hinz and Katarina Zigova katarina.zigova@uni-konstanz.de

Publication bias remedy? Lessons from journal policy on data and replication

Discussion openers: Jan-Egbert Sturm, Pierre-Guillaume Méon

Coffee break 10.05 – 10.40 am

Session 4.2: Chair, Elena Seghezza

10.40 am (24)

Klaus Gründler, Niklas Potrafke, and Timo Wochner timo.wochner@gmx.net

Take the money from external activities and take it easy in parliament? Evidence for German parliamentarians

Discussion openers: Frank Bohn, Kai Gehring

11.15 am (25)

Ekaterina Borisova, Koen Schoors, Tim Frye and Vladimir Zabolotskiy Koen.Schoors@UGent.be

Regulation and Distrust during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Evidence from Russia

Discussion openers: Katarina Zigova, Martin Paldam

11.50 pm (26)

Clemens Fuest, Klaus Gründler, Niklas Potrafke, and Fabian Ruthardt Ruthardt@ifo.de

Read my lips? Taxes and elections

Discussion openers: Jan Fidrmuc, Jan Fałkowski

12.25 pm END

19.00 pm DINNER

Session 4.3: Chair, Christoph Schaltegger

20.35 pm - 21.15 pm (29)

Frank Bohn frank.bohn@ru.nl

Two papers on political business cycles

(1) **Two types of blurriness in political budget cycles: uninformed voters and government competence uncertainty** Lamar Crombach and Frank Bohn

(2) **When do more selfish politicians manipulate less, not more?** Xue Wang, Frank Bohn, and Francisco Jose Veiga

Discussion openers: Niklas Potrafke, Tommy Krieger

THURSDAY JULY 29

7.00 am – BREAKFAST

Session 5.1: Chair, Pierre-Guillaume Méon

8.20 am (30)

Dorine Boumansa, Klaus Gründler, Niklas Potrafke, and Fabian Ruthardt potrafke@ifo.de

The global economic impact of politicians: evidence from an international survey RCT

Discussion openers: Melanie Häner, Jacek Lewkowicz

8.55 am (31)

Travers Barclay Child, Kai Gehring, Sarah Langlotz, Austin L. Wright kai.gehring@pw.uzh.ch

Global and local ISIS propaganda

Discussion openers: Jean Lacroix, Koen Schoors

9.30 am (32)

Marco Frank and David Stadelmann Marco1.Frank@uni-bayreuth.de

Competition and electoral convergence between politicians and parties

Discussion openers: Fabian Ruthardt, Patricia Schafer

Coffee break 10.05 am – 10.35 am

Session 5.2: Chair, Jan-Egbert Sturm

10.35 am (33)

Jan Fidrmuc jan.fidrmuc@univ-lille.fr

Democracy, economic freedom, and development

Discussion openers: Michael Dorsch, Anna Maria Koukal

11.10 am (34)

Martin Paldam mpaldam@econ.au.dk

Measuring democracy: How different are the main indices?

Discussion openers: Klaus Gründler, Jerg Gutmann

11.45 pm (35)

Enzo Brox and Tommy Krieger tommy.krieger@uni-konstanz.de

Far-right protests and their effect on migration

Discussion openers: Debora Di Gioacchino, Stephan Schneider

12.20 Closing remarks

Peter Bernholz peter.bernhholz@unibas.ch

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SILVAPLANA RULES

Attendance at sessions

You are asked to attend all sessions. We have a tradition that the first and last presenters have the same audience as other presenters. If you cannot commit to attend all sessions, please cancel your participation.

Computers and phones

Please do not activate personal computers or phones during presentations. There is evidence that computers and phones disturb presenters. People look at the computer or phone as if the presenter is not present. Place phones on silent. Please try to check email no more than once an hour. If reply is not instantaneously urgent, we ask that you wait for the end of the session to reply.

Clapping and other demonstrative behavior

Please do not clap after a presentation ends or hit the table. No information is conveyed by clapping or hitting the table because this is the response in general to all papers.

Time allocation for papers:

Presenters have 14 minutes.

Presentation format:

- Slide #1: why you chose the research question and why the question is interesting
 - Slides #2: answers to the research question in prior literature
 - Next slides: your contribution to the answer to the research question
 - Conclusions – the message of the paper
 - Do not spend a lot of time on mathematical derivations or your identification procedures unless something special is involved
- Presenters should place their files on the computer in the conference room in the morning or during the break before presentation of the paper.

Discussion openers

Discussion openers have limit of 2 minutes.

The discussion should focus on main issues. Please do not thank the presenter of the paper and there is no need to say how much you enjoyed reading the paper.

Discussion openers open the discussion from their seats and do not use slides.

Chair

The person chairing does not have to move from his or her place at the table to chair a session.

The 14 minute time limit for speakers should be strictly enforced.

If there are no further comments, do not attempt to evoke comments but move to the next paper or close the session.

If there is interesting discussion and people want to continue to comment, allow the discussion to proceed beyond the time limit for the paper – other papers may end earlier.

Seating

When you enter the conference room, please take the first seat available around the table. If the main table is full, only then go to the outside table. This is the most efficient way to fill up the table. This could also be a rule for breakfast and dinner: you will meet new people.

NOTES

Copies of the workshop program

Print and bring a copy of the workshop program to the workshop. Copies of the program will not be provided at the workshop.

Papers

Send the final version of your paper to your discussion openers by July 15.

Timing of sessions

The times of the sessions can change contingent on the weather and weather predictions.

Workshop fee

There is a workshop fee of CHF 100, paid on Sunday morning. Please place 100 francs in the envelope provided in the table in the conference room and take your receipt. The fee is payable by all participants including the conference organizers.

Arrivals from afar

If you are coming from afar, we ask that you arrive a day or more early to avoid jet lag.

Free local travel pass

Ensure that you pick up your free regional travel pass from the hotel reception when you check in at the hotel. There will a deposit required against returning the pass.

Hotel facilities

The hotel has a spa pool and sauna.

Meals

Breakfast and dinner are included but not lunch. In general, it will be possible to purchase a sandwich at a stop on a mountain walk. You may prefer to take a sandwich. There is little time to buy lunch between the end of the last session and departure for the mountain walks so you have to make preparations in advance.

Equipment

You require a small backpack for a sandwich and water. Walking shoes are useful but ordinary sports shoes are sufficient. Normal shoes are not recommended for hikes. A hat and sunscreen are suggested for the mountain walks. The weather is changeable, from quite hot to quite cold.

Time constraints

We leave from outside of the hotel at a pre-designated time after the last morning session. You will have 10 minutes to change shoes, etc. We shall need to catch a bus or a train and therefore cannot leave later than at the time that will be indicated. Please be outside the hotel at the designated time. Remember to bring the free travel card supplied by the hotel.

TRAVEL TO THE SPORHOTEL PONTRESINA

Trains

Trains leave Zurich airport railway station. You will need to change trains at Zurich main station, again at Chur, and then perhaps one more time at Samedan, one stop before Pontresina. There is also a bus from Samedan directly to the hotel in Pontresina.

If you are arriving on Sunday, the 9.13 am departure from Zurich airport arrives in Pontresina at 12.56 pm. The workshop begins at 13.25 pm.

Trains also arrive at Pontresina from Tirano in Italy. There is a train from Milano central station to Tirano, where you change from the Italian station to the Swiss station for the Swiss train.

Railways station pick-up

The hotel van can pick you up at Pontresina railway station. Inform the hotel reception of the time at which your train arrives.

If you wish to walk from the railway station, proceed across the bridge and up the hill to the main street of Pontresina to the hotel, a 10 minute or so walk.

Bus

If you arrive in Pontresina by bus from Samedan or from St Moritz railway stations, the bus stops on the main street not far from the hotel.

From Malpensa airport Milano, there is a coach service to Lugano. A bus to St Moritz, the Palm Express, leaves once a day at 11.40 am from the parking lot at the northern end of Lugano railway station. Change buses in Silvaplana for the bus to Pontresina if the Pontresina bus is waiting in Silvaplana. If not, continue on the Palm Express to St Moritz and take a bus to Pontresina from there. This option does not apply if you arrive on the first day of the workshop because the bus arrives in Pontresina after the beginning of the workshop.

Car

You will not need a car during the duration of the workshop. If you bring a car, you will need to pay for parking.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTION

Why is the workshop called 'Silvaplana'? The answer is that we began in Silvaplana and after some years moved to Pontresina. We keep 'Silvaplana' because we tend to be conservative and because perhaps we shall move back there one day.