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Arrival:

Before 13.00 Sunday July 23.

For participants from non-local time-zones, arrival is requested on July 21 or July 22. Breakfast 7.15 am, dinner 19.00 pm.

Please note the rules of the workshop and other relevant information. In particular, participation is requested in all sessions. Also please note the recommendation (see presenters p.13) regarding the first three “slides” of the presentation.

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SUNDAY JULY 23

7.15 am - breakfast

8.30 am - 12.00 noon - optional mountain walk

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13.15 - Welcome remarks Arye Hillman

Session 1.1: WELFARE

Chair: Carsten Hefeker

13.25 (1)

Colin Jennings

Market competition, causal inference, and welfare

Discussion openers: Laura Sabani, Daniel Vullings

14.00 (2)

Kai Gehring* and Paul Schaudt

Insuring peace: How livestock insurance mitigates herder-farmer conflicts during droughts

Discussion openers: Annastiina Silvennoinen, HUANG Fali

14.35 (3)

Debora Di Gioacchino,* Emanuela Ghignoni, Laura Sabani, Stefano Usai

Healthcare systems, primary care orientation and public-private mix: theory and empirics

Discussion openers: Mahdi Khesali, Katarina Zigova

15.10 - 15.30 Coffee

Session 1.2: FINANCE

Chair: Carsten Hefeker

15.30 (4)

Elena Seghezza,* Giovanni B. Pittaluga,* Pierluigi Morelli

The myth of federal reserve de facto independence

Discussion openers: Jan-Egbert Sturm, Michael Dorsch

16.05 (5)

Jamus Jerome Lim and LONG Xin*

Political risk underlying post-crisis violations of covered interest parity

Discussion openers: Christoph Schaltegger, Yu Zhu

16.40 - 16.45 Break

Session 1.3: VOTING A

Chair: Pierre-Guillaume Méon

16.45 (6)

Frank Bohn* and Xue Wan

Pitfalls of development – ethnic voting matters

Discussion openers: Betül Simsek, Sourav Das

17.20 (7)

Kevin Dwyer and Thomas Stratmann*

Politically responsive agency spending effect on incumbent vote share

Discussion openers: Tushyanthan Baskaran, Niklas Potrafke

17.55 – 18.05 Break

Session 1.4 VOTING B

Chair: Pierre-Guillaume Méon

18.05 (8)

Jan Klingelhöfer

Strategic voting and incumbency advantage

Discussion openers: Laurent Simula, Juho Alasalmi

18.40 (9)

Luisa Doerr, Klaus Gründler, Philipp Heil, Niklas Potrafke, and Marcel Schlepper*

Economic voting in electoral precincts

Discussion openers: Jan Fałkowski, Kim Leonie Kellerman

19.15 (10)

Maarten Allers* and Harm Rienks

Voters' influence on local tax policy

Discussion openers: Radhika Lahiri, Panu Poutvaara

19.50 End of sessions

19.55 Dinner

No evening session

MONDAY JULY 24

7.00 am – BREAKFAST

Session 2.1: MIGRATION

Chair: Giovanni Battista Pittaluga

8.00 am (11)

Joop Adema, Cevat Giray Aksoy, Yvonne Giesing, Panu Poutvaara*

Ongoing conflict and refugees' resilience to return

Discussion openers: Tommy Krieger, Ekkehard Köhler

8.35 am (12)

Zohal Hessami and Sebastian Schirner*

Migration shocks, elections, and political selection

Discussion openers: Gabriele Gonella, Kai Gehring

9.10 am (13)

Jerg Gutmann*, Léa Marchal, and Betül Simsek

Women's rights and the gender migration gap

Discussion openers: Kritika Saxena, Yamit Asulin

Coffee break 9.45 – 10.15 am

Session 2.2: RENTS

Chair: Jan-Egbert Sturm

10.15 am (14)

François Facchini and Antonin Filippi*

How do public sector strikes differ from strikes by private sector workers? An empirical test for 15 countries (1982-2020)

Discussion openers: Jacek Lewkowicz, Thomas Stratmann

10.50 am (15)

Jan Fałkowski* and Piotr Wójcik

Distribution of political rents and political support

Discussion openers: Melanie Häner, Paola Conconi

11.25 am (16)

Ronen Gradwohl and Arye Hillman

Rent seeking as individual persuasion

Discussion openers: Colin Jennings, Juho Alasalmi

12.00 END OF MORNING SESSION

Session 2.3 POLITICAL ECONOMY (day and time of session may change contingent on weather)

Chair: Arye Hillman

17.30 pm (17)

Gabriele Gonella

Does social capital influence informal housing demolitions? Evidence from Piedmont
Discussion openers: Zohal Hessami, Marcel Schlepper

18.05 pm (18)

Tamara Erhardt,* Melanie Häner, and Christoph Schaltegger

Tantalus curse? Multigenerational persistence of welfare dependency in Switzerland
Discussion openers: Lotte Swank, LONG Xin

18.40 END

18.50 DINNER

20.20 EVENING SESSION

Session 2.4: ACADEMIA

Chair: Toke Aidt

20.20 (19)

Lei Xu and Yu Zhu*

White minority gaps in returns to academic credentials
Discussion openers: Florin-Lucian Cucu, Debora Di Gioacchino

20.55 (20)

Thomas Hinz and Katarina Zigova*

Replications and research data: Evidence among economic Journals
Discussion openers: Frank Bohn, Panu Poutvaara

TUESDAY JULY 25

7.00 am - BREAKFAST

Session 3.1: SOCIAL ISSUES

Chair: François Facchini

8.00 am (21)

Melanie Häner* and **Christoph Schaltegger**

Social persistence

Discussion openers: Kim Leonie Kellermann, Denis Ivanov

8.35 am (22)

Radhika Lahiri,* Chamupathy Samaratunga, and Annastiina Silvennoinen*

Regional aspects of climate change

Discussion openers: Lotte Schwank, Laura Sabani

9.10 am (23)

Yamit Asulin,* Yuval Heller, Nira Municker and Ro'i Zultan

Social image and social distance: Evidence from a field experiment

Discussion openers: Gabriele Gonella; Jan Klingelhöfer

Coffee break 9.45 - 10.15 am

Session 3.2: PROTEST

Chair: Elena Seghezza

10.15 am (24)

Annalí Casanueva Artís, Vladimir Avetian, Sulin Sardoschau, and Kritika Saxena*

Social media and the diffusion of protest

Discussion openers: Daniel Vullings, Ronen Gradwohl

10.50 am (25)

Abel François, Nicolas Lagios, and Pierre-Guillaume Méon*

When do survey firms overestimate the undesirability of the far right: A test using forecast errors

Discussion openers: Jerg Gutmann, Maarten Allers

11.25 am (26)

Gabriel Cepaluni, Michael T. Dorsch*, Daniel Kovarek, Alexandru Moise

From the street to the ballot box? The BLM protest movement and voter turnout

Discussion openers: Sebastian Schirner, Marcel Schlepper

12.00 END

Session 3.3 POLITICAL ECONOMY (day of session may change contingent on weather)

Chair: Panu Poutvaara

17.30 pm (27)

Nikolaj Broberg, Tuuli Tähtinen,* and Thomas Walsh

Making the cut: Close elections and local welfare policy

Discussion openers: Michael Dorsch, Frank Bohn

18.05 pm (28)

HUANG Fali

Legal protection of property rights: A dynamic evolution model

Discussion openers: Jan Klingelhöfer, Florin-Lucian Cucu

18.40 END

18.50 DINNER

20.20 EVENING SESSION

Session 3.4: ELITES AND VOTING

Chair: Kai Gehring

20.20 (29)

Lena Gerling and Tommy Krieger*

Institutional rules and elite power: Evidence from 19th and early 20th-century Germany

Discussion openers: Carsten Hefeker, Alastair Langtry

20.55 (30)

Yoan Hermstrüwer and Mahdi Khesali*

Effect of expressive voting on behavior: Experimental evidence

Discussion openers: Colin Jennings, Laurent Simula

WEDNESDAY JULY 26

7.00 am – BREAKFAST

Session 4.1: POLITICS AND POLICIES**Chair: Niklas Potrafke****8.00 am (31)****Sourav Das**Effect of institutional change on opportunistic behavior of incumbent parties: evidence from India
Discussion openers: Jamus Lim, Elena Seghezza**8.35 am (32)****Jan Falkowski,* Jacek Lewkowicz,* Łukasz Nawaro**Political debate about economic issues: some insights from the Polish parliament, 1991-2019
Discussion openers: Antonin Filippi, Dennis Ivanov**9.10 am (33)****Paola Conconi, Florin-Lucian Cucu, Federico Gallina, Mattia Nardotto**Voting on trade policy in the European Parliament
Discussion openers: Toke Aidt, Ekkehard Köhler**Coffee break 9.45 am – 10.15 am****Session 4.2: DISTRIBUTION****Chair: Jan-Egbert Sturm****10.15 am (34)****Zareh Asatryan, Thushyanthan Baskaran,* Carlo Birkholz, Patrick Hufschmidt**Favoritism by the governing elite
Discussion openers: Kai Gehrig, Yamit Asulin**10.50 am (35)****Alastair Langtry**Why do elites extend property rights? A solution to a hold-up problem
Discussion openers: Mahdi Khesali, Ronen Gradwohl**11.25 am (36)****Juho Alasalmi**Self-signaling and voting for redistribution
Discussion openers: HUANG Fali, Laurent Simula**12.00 END****18.40 DINNER****20.20 EVENING SESSION****Session 4.3: HUMAN BEHAVIOR****Chair: Arye Hillman****20,20 (37)****Betül Simsek**Gender equality in development aid and female migration
Discussion openers: Maarten Allers, Kritika Saxena**20.55 (38)****Yvonne Giesing, Björn Kauder, Lukas Mergele, Niklas Potrafke,* and Panu Poutvaara**Moving out of the comfort zone: How cultural norms affect attitudes toward immigration
Discussion openers: Sebastian Schirner, Alistair Langtry

THURSDAY JULY 27

7.00 am – BREAKFAST

Session 5.1: VOTING BEHAVIOR**Chair: Carsten Hekefer****8.00 am (39)****Kim Leonie Kellerman,* Remo Nitschke, and Felix Roesel**

The effect of gender separation on voting behavior: Evidence from the Weimar republic

Discussion openers: Debora DiGiacchino, Annastiina Silvennoinen**8.35 am (40)****Ekkehard A. Köhler* and Marius D. May**

Does it make a difference what you ask your candidate? Discrimination against (minority) first-time voters

Discussion openers: Zohal Hessami, Yu Zhu**Coffee break 9.10 – 9.40 am****Session 5.2: POLITICAL ECONOMY****Chair: Pierre-Guillaume Méon****9.40 am (41)****Debora Di Giacchino, Laura Sabani,* Stefano Usai**

The geography of intergenerational education mobility in Italy

Discussion openers: Thushyanthan Baskaran, LONG Xin**10.15 am (42)****Lotte Swank and Daniel Vulling**

The separation of powers and the trade-off between corruption and favoritism

Discussion openers: Francois Facchini, Tamara Erhardt**Break 10.50– 11.05****Session 5.3: POLITICAL ECONOMY****Chair: Arye Hillman****11.05 am (43)****Denis Ivanov,* Alexander Libman, Alexei Zakharov**

Does a middle class promote civic activism? Individual and group level effects of the middle class in an autocracy

Discussion openers: Antonin Filippi, Paola Conconi**11.40 am (44)****Vera Eichenauer, Nauro Campos, and Jan Egbert Sturm***

The European unemployment problem and the shocking institutions hypothesis

Discussion openers: Melanie Häner, Giovanni Pittaluga**12.15 Summary remarks**

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RULES**Work-in-progress**

The workshop is intended for work-in-progress. Please do not present a paper that has been submitted for publication. We do not want to repeat circumstances in which a presenter said to a discussant that "the referee does not agree with you". Rejected papers can be presented. If you have submitted your paper at the time of the workshop, you can propose a substitute paper.

Flexibility in timing of presentation

Please be prepared to present your paper at any time. Timing may change cause of the weather.

Attendance at sessions

Please attend all sessions. We have a tradition that the first and last presenters and all others have the same audience as other presenters. If you cannot commit to attend all sessions because of special circumstances, we ask you to notify one of the organizers in advance.

Workshop fee

There is a workshop fee of CHF 100, paid at the beginning of the first session on Sunday morning. Please place 100 francs in the envelope provided in the table in the conference room and take your receipt and name tag.

Computers and phones

Please do not activate personal computers during presentations. Computers are distracting for presenters. People look at the computer as if the presenter is not present. Place phones on silent. Please try to check email and other communication only at breaks.

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.

Presenters

Each paper is allocated 35 minutes.

Presenters have 14 minutes. Format recommendation for presentation:

- Slide #1: State the research question
- Slides #2: State answers to the research question in prior literature
- Slide #3. State the novelty of your contribution to the answer to the research question
- Slide #4 and more: Method of enquiry and more detail in results and conclusions

Presenters are asked to place their files on the computer in the conference room in the morning or in a between-session break before presentation of their paper.

Discussion openers

Discussion openers have limit of 2 minutes.

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.

Chair

The 14-minute time limit for speakers is strictly enforced.

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

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. There are no property rights to seats. This is the most efficient way to fill up the table. This could also be a rule for breakfast and dinner. Simply join the table with vacant seats. If there are no such tables, then make a new table. Others will arrive.

NOTES

Registration for presenters of accepted papers

Registration for presenters of accepted papers is by booking at the hotel. Contact the hotel directly. Do not use on-line booking.

Copies of the workshop program

Print and bring a copy of the final workshop program to the workshop. The final program will be sent after July 15. Copies of the program will not be provided at the workshop.

Arrivals from afar

If you are coming from afar, we ask that you arrive a day or earlier to avoid jet lag, which can lead to falling asleep in sessions.

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 may be a deposit required against returning the pass.

Hotel facilities

The hotel has a free spa pool and sauna.

Meals

Breakfast and dinner are included in the hotel price 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. 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 the afternoon hikes.

A hat and sunscreen are recommended for the mountain walks.

The afternoon program and time constraints

Participation in the afternoon program is part of the workshop obligations. 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 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 13.15 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 in Tirano for the Swiss train to Pontresina.

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 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 from 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.

Car

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

Personal insurance

The organizers and members of the program committee are not responsible for injuries or disabilities incurred in the course of the workshop nor financial losses. Participants are required to have insurance that comprehensively covers them for all eventualities, including evacuation from mountain trails if injury occurs.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How did the workshop begin? The workshop began in 1989 organized by Heinrich Ursprung and Arye Hillman for graduate students to promote political economy when political economy was not mainstream economics.

Why is the workshop called 'Silvaplana'? The workshop began in Silvaplana and after some years moved to Pontresina. We keep 'Silvaplana' because we began there.