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Arrival:

Before 12.45 Sunday July 28

For participants from non-local time-zones, arrival is requested on July 26 or July 27 with suggested 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 note the recommendation (see presenters p.13) regarding the first three “slides” of the presentation.

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SUNDAY JULY 28

7.15 am - breakfast

8.30 am - 12.00 noon - optional mountain walk

LUNCH independent

12.50 Meet in the conference room

13.00 Welcome remarks Arye Hillman

Session 1.1 **MONETARY ECONOMICS**

Chair: Carsten Hefeker

13.05 (1)

Jan Fałkowski*, Jacek Lewkowicz, Łukasz Hardt, Bartosz Słysz

Voting in Monetary Policy Council: The role of the institutional channel of appointment

Discussion openers: Jerg Gutmann, Ekaterina Borisova

13.40 (2)

Pierre Lesuisse, Hugo Oriolab, and Jamel Saadaoui*

How do geopolitical interests affect financial markets reaction to international institution projects?

Discussion openers: Marco Magnani, Matteo Grigoletto

14.10 - 14.20 Break

14.25 (3)

François Facchini, Pierluigi Morelli, Giovanni B. Pittaluga and Elena Seghezza*

How crises shaped the Fed

Discussion openers: Jacek Lewkowicz, Ramona Schmid

15.00 (4)

Nathan Goldstein

The attention of the Fed

Discussion openers: Jan-Egbert Sturm, Luca Rossi

15.25 - 15.50 Coffee

Session 1.2 **PUBLIC FINANCE**

Chair: Pierre-Guillaume Méon

15.50 (5)

Elena Costarelli and Silvia Fedeli*

Income tax evasion decisions from an evolutionary perspective

Discussion openers: Annali Casanueva-Artis, Martin Paldam

16.25 (6)

Frederic Blümel* and Christoph Schaltegger

Public sector wage premiums in a Federal System: Empirical evidence from Switzerland

Discussion openers: Xenia Frei, Nikita Zakharov

17.00 – 17.15 break

Session 1.3 **CONTESTS**

Chair: Christoph Schaltegger

17.15 (7)

Sumit Kumar and Rezina Sultana*

Asymmetric contests with endogenous prize: maximizing revenue or competitive balance?

Discussion openers: Laura Araújo De Freitas, Mahdi Khesali

17.50 (8)

Jan Klingelhöfer

Creating extremists

Discussion openers: Toke Aidt, Martin Rode

18.25 (9)

Alastair Langtry* and Oleh Stupak

Contests with endogenously valued battlefields

Discussion openers: Giovanni Perucca, Alberto Batinti

19.00 End of sessions

19.45 Dinner

No evening session

MONDAY JULY 29

7.00 am – BREAKFAST

Session 2.1 **MIGRATION**

Chair: Jan-Egbert Sturm

8.00 (10)

Joop Adema, Lasha Chargaziia, Yvonne Giesing, Panu Poutvaara*

What drives refugees' destination choice? Evidence from a conjoint experiment among Ukrainian refugees

Discussion openers: Nathan Goldstein, Matteo Grigoletto

8.35 (11)

Jerg Gutmann*, Pascal Langer, Matthias Neuenkirch

International sanctions and emigration

Discussion openers: Jan Falkowski, Jamel Saadaoui

9.10 (12)

Marco Magnani

The effects of asylum seeker self-selection on the integration in the host country

Discussion openers: Iona Astier, Sumit Kumar

9.45 (13)

Annalí Casanueva-Artis* and Sulin Sardoschau

Public signal and private action: right-wing protest and hate crimes against refugees

Discussion openers: Ayona Bhattacharjee, Giovanni Battista Pittaluga

Coffee 10.20 – 10.50

Session 2.2 **RUSSIA**

Chair: Elena Seghezza

10.50 (14)

Israel Marques II, Regina Smyth, Alexei Zakharov, and Ekaterina Borisova*

Consultation and policy attribution in hybrid regimes: Evidence from Russia

Discussion openers: Xenia Frei, Konstantinos Theocharopoulos

11.25 (15)

Keon Schoors, Michael Rochlitz, and Nikita Zakharov*

Can authoritarian propaganda compete with the opposition on social media?

Experimental evidence from Russia

Discussion openers: Laura Araújo De Freitas, Svatopluk Kapounek

12.00 END OF MORNING SESSION

12.15 MEET OUTSIDE THE HOTEL

18.15 DINNER

20.00 EVENING SESSION

Session 2.3 **LIFE**

Chair: Toke Aidt

20.00 (16)

Joan Costa-Font, Alberto Batinti,* Vasuprada Shandar

Life of privilege? Survival gaps between Europeans and their royals

Discussion openers: Ulkü Bıçakcı, Francois Facchini

20.35 (17)

Christian Bjørnskov and Martin Rode*

Capitalism and femicide: An empirical investigation

Discussion openers: Tommy Krieger, Tuuli Pauline Tähtinen

TUESDAY JULY 30

7.00 am – BREAKFAST

Session 3.1 GENDER

Chair: Giovanni Battista Pittaluga

8.00 (18)

Iona Astier and François Facchini

Democratic crisis, political polarization and women's rights in OECD countries

Discussion openers: Ayona Bhattacharjee, Silvia Fideli

8.35 (19)

Lena Gerling, Kim Leonie Kellermann, and Tommy Krieger*

Local female representation in the long-run: Evidence from Germany

Discussion openers: Ülkü Bicakci, Jacek Lewokowicz

9.10 (20)

Martin Černek, Michal Fridrich, Svatopluk Kapouněk*

Beyond quotas: Understanding the factors shaping women's participation in European boardrooms

Discussion openers: Annali Casanueva-Artis, LIU Qijun

9.45 (21)

Luisa Dörr, Klaus Gründler, Niklas Potrafke, Tuuli Tähtinen*

The effects of female political leaders: Evidence from an exogenous government change in Germany

Discussion openers: Frederic Blümel, Rezina Sultana

Coffee 10.20 – 10.50

Session 3.2 POLITICAL SELECTION

Chair: Toke Aidt

10.50 (22)

Konstantinos Theocharopoulos* and Dimitrios Xefteris

Competence and loyalty: Cabinet selection dynamics in political leadership

Discussion openers: Jan Klingelhöfer, Alastair Langtry

11.25 (23)

Xenia Frei

Strategic appointments to the Supreme Court

Discussion openers: Jerg Gutmann, Carsten Hefeker

12.00 END OF MORNING SESSION

12.15 MEET OUTSIDE THE HOTEL

18.15 DINNER

20.15 EVENING SESSION

Session 3.3 PUBLIC POLICY

Chair: Christoph Schaltegger

20.00 (24)

Rasmus Wiese, Jakob de Haan and Jan-Egbert Sturm*

The impact of market-oriented reforms on income inequality

Discussion openers: Pierre-Guillaume Méon, Nilita Zakharov

WEDNESDAY JULY 31

7.00 am – BREAKFAST

Session 4.1 VOTING

Chair: François Facchini

8.00 (25)

Toke Aidt and Laura Araújo De Freitas

Divergence or convergency: the borough franchise in England, 1835 to 1897.

Discussion openers: Nathan Goldstein, Konstantinos Theocharopoulos

8.35 (26)

Pietro Battiston, Marco Magnani, Dimitri Paolini, Luca Rossi*

Country music: Strategic incentives of competing voters

Discussion openers: Mahdi Khesali, Giovanni Perucca

9.10 (27)

Jacek Lewkowicz* and Jan Falkowski

Trust in the political class and voting for populists

Discussion openers: Iona Astier, Martin Rode

Coffee break 9.45 – 10.15 am

Session 4.2 CORRUPTION

Chair: Jan-Egbert Sturm

10.15 (28)

LIU Qijun and YUAN Chiping

Local connectivity and corruption: Micro evidence from China

Discussion openers: Frederic Blüml, Niklas Potrafke

10.50 (29)

Abel François, Nicolas Lagios, Pierre-Guillaume Méon*

The causal impact of electoral rules on corruption

Discussion openers: Christoph Schaltegger, Ramona Schmid

11.25 (30)

Martin Paldam

Can democracy and religiosity explain corruption?

An empirical study of the long run using cross-country data

Discussion openers: Ekaterina Borisova, Tuuli Pauline Thätinen

12.00 END OF MORNING SESSION

12.15 MEET OUTSIDE THE HOTEL

18.15 DINNER

20.00 EVENING SESSION

Session 4.3 **BELIEFS AND IDEOLOGY**

Chair: Giovanni Battista Pittaluga

20.00 (31)

Ülkü Bıçakcı,* Sebastian Blesse, and Philipp Lergetporer

When science challenges beliefs: Experimental evidence on public support for science

Discussion openers: YUAN Chiping, Svatopluk Kapounek

20.35 (32)

Arye Hillman

Hidden Ideology

Discussion openers: Koen Schoors, Jan Falkowski

THURSDAY AUGUST 1

7.00 am - BREAKFAST

Session 5.1 SOCIETY AND VALUES

Chair: Carsten Hekefer

8.00 am (33)

Mahdi Khesali,* Stefan Voigt and Nadia Von Jacobi

Once upon a time: Introducing the Historical Values Survey

Discussion openers: Tommy Krieger, Panu Poutvaara

8.35 am (34)

Ayona Bhattacharjee* and Radhika Lahiri

On social networks and influence in India: a rural/urban divide

Discussion openers: Alberto Batinti, Sumit Kumar

9.10 (35)

Marcel Caesmann, Janis Goldzycher, Matteo Grigoletto*, Lorenz Gschwent

Censorship in Democracy

Discussion openers: Elena Seghezza, Jan Klingelhöfer

Coffee break 9.45 - 10.15

Session 5.2 POLICIES AND PERCEPTIONS

Chair: Arye Hillman

10.15 (36)

Niklas Potrafke, Ramona Schmid,* and Thomas Stratmann

Committee membership in parliament: Pork-Barrel and directly elected MPs

Discussion openers: Silvia Fedeli, Alastair Langtry

10.50 (37)

Giovanni Perucca

Individuals' perception of trade and regional exposure to global value chains: evidence from EU regions

Discussion openers: Jamel Saadaoui, Rezina Sultana

11.25 am (38)

Koen Schoors*, Tom Eeckhout, and Andrei Markevich

Social mobility in times of revolutions and regime changes: persistence of elites in 20th century Russia

Discussion openers: Luca Rossi, Marco Magnani

12.00 Summary remarks

12.10 END

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SILVAPLANA 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 a strict 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 strict 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, 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 an outside table. There are no property rights to seats.

This is the most efficient way to fill up the table. This is also the 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. We have observed that jet lag 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.

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.