

Public Sector Economics

Munich, 12 – 14 April 2018

Programme

Thursday, 12 April 2018

Parallel Session 1a - Ludwig Erhard Room

Political Economy in the Lab

Chair: Eckhard Janeba

12:00 – 12:35 **The Value of Consensus: Information Aggregation in Committees with Vote-Contingent Payoffs**

Yves Breitmoser and JUSTIN VALASEK (WZB Berlin)

Discussant: Eckhard Janeba

12:35 – 13:10 **Preferences over Taxation of High Income Individuals: Evidence from Online and Laboratory Experiments**

Dirk Engelmann, ECKHARD JANEBA (University of Mannheim), Lydia Mechtenberg and Nils Wehrhofer

Discussant: Justin Valasek

Parallel Session 1b - Richard Musgrave Room

Optimal Taxation I

Chair: Bas Jacobs

12:00 – 12:35 **Optimal Taxation under a Consumption Target**

Junichi Minagawa and THORSTEN UPMANN (Helmholtz-Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity at the Oldenburg University)

Discussant: Bas Jacobs

12:35 – 13:10 **Optimal Taxation of Income and Human Capital and Skill-Biased Technical Change**

BAS JACOBS (Erasmus University Rotterdam, Tinbergen Institute) and Uwe Thuemmel

Discussant: Thorsten Upmann

13:10 – 14:20 Lunch

Parallel Session 2a – Ludwig Erhard Room

Fiscal Federalism

Chair: Simone Moriconi

- 14:20 – 14:55 **Revenue Shocks and Fiscal Capacity: Evidence from Brazil**
Claudio Ferraz, DIRK FOREMNY (Universitat de Barcelona and I.E.B.) and Juan Francisco Santini
Discussant: Marko Köthenbürger
- 14:55 – 15:30 **Local Border Reforms and Economic Activity**
Peter H. Egger, MARKO KÖTHENBÜRGER (ETH Zurich) and Gabriel Loumeau
Discussant: Simone Moriconi
- 15:30 – 16:05 **Higher Education Supply, Local Competition and Economic Performance: Evidence from Italy**
Elena Cottini, Paolo Ghinetti and SIMONE MORICONI (IESEG School of Management, LEM)
Discussant: Dirk Foremny

Parallel Session 2b – Richard Musgrave Room

Social Security

Chair: Marie Louise Leroux

- 14:20 – 14:55 **The Macroeconomic Effects of Longevity Risk under Private and Public Insurance and Asymmetric Information**
BEN HEIJDDRA (University of Groningen), Yang Jiang and Jochen O. Mierau
Discussant: Volker Grossmann
- 14:55 – 15:30 **R&D-Driven Medical Progress, Health Care Costs, and the Future of Human Longevity**
Sebastian Böhm, VOLKER GROSSMANN (University of Fribourg) and Holger Strulik
Discussant: Marie Louise Leroux
- 15:30 – 16:05 **Long-term Care Insurance: Knowledge Barriers, Risk Perception and Adverse Selection**
Martin Boyer, Philippe De Donder, Claude Fluet, MARIE LOUISE LEROUX (ESG, UQAM) and Pierre-Carl Michaud
Discussant: Ben Heijdra
- 18:00 Musgrave Lecture (Devereux) & Dinner

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Plenary Session - Ludwig Erhard Room

Award Candidates

Chair: Rick van der Ploeg

- 09:15 – 09:40 **Optimal Taxation of Robots**
UWE THUEMMELE (Erasmus University Rotterdam)
- 09:40 – 10:05 **Corporate Taxation, Tax Administration and Development**
MOHAMMED MARDAN (ETH Zurich)
- 10:05 – 10:30 **Inheritance Tax Evasion: Spousal Bequests and Under-reporting of Inheritances in Sweden**
SEBASTIAN ESCOBAR (Uppsala University)
- 10:30 – 10:55 **Who Understands The French Income Tax? Bunching Where Tax Liabilities Start**
RAPHAEL LARDEUX (INSE)
- 10:55 – 11:10 Coffee Break

Parallel Session 3a - Ludwig Erhard Room

Empirical Political Economy

Chair: Michaela Slotwinski

- 11:10 – 11:45 **The Democratic-Republican Presidential Growth Gap and the Partisan Balance of the State Governments**
Dodge Cahan and NIKLAS POTRAFKE (ifo Institute and University of Munich)
Discussant: Michaela Slotwinski
- 11:45 – 12:20 **Women Leaving the Playpen: The Emancipating Role of Female Suffrage**
MICHAELA SLOTWINSKI (University of Basel) and Alois Stutzer
Discussant: Niklas Potrafke

Parallel Session 3b - Richard Musgrave Room

Welfare

Chair: Paolo Giovanni Piacquadio

- 11:10 – 11:45 **Dynamic Consistency and Regret**
Frank N. Caliendo and T. SCOTT FINDLEY (Utah State University)
Discussant: Paolo Giovanni Piacquadio
- 11:45 – 12:20 **The Measurement of Individual and Social Deprivation**
PAOLO GIOVANNI PIACQUADIO (University of Oslo and Statistics Norway)
Discussant: T. Scott Findley

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12:20 – 13:30 Lunch

Plenary Session – Ludwig Erhard Room

Keynote Lecture

Chair: Rick van der Ploeg

13:30 – 14:40 **Mirrlees meets Diamond-Mirrlees: Simplifying Nonlinear Income Taxation**
FLORIAN SCHEUER (University of Zurich) and Ivan Werning

14:40 – 14:55 Coffee Break

Parallel Session 4a - Ludwig Erhard Room

Firms and Corporate Taxation

Chair: Doina Radulescu

14:55 – 15:30 **Stock Market Behavior on Ex-Dividend Dates: The Case of Cum-Ex Transactions in Germany**
THIESS BUETTNER (FAU), Carolin Holzmann, Felix Kreidl, and Hendrik Scholz
Discussant: Alfons Weichenrieder

15:30 – 16:05 **Do Stringent Environmental Policies Deter FDI? M&A versus Greenfield**
Sylwia Bialek and ALFONS WEICHENRIEDER (Goethe University)
Discussant: Doina Radulescu

16:05 – 16:40 **Effect of Exchange Rate Movements on Profit Shifting. The Case of the Swiss Franc**
Federica Liberini and DOINA RADULESCU (University of Bern)
Discussant: Thies Buettner

Parallel Session 4b - Richard Musgrave Room

Tax Theory

Chair: Marco Runkel

14:55 – 15:30 **Royalty Taxation under Tax Competition and Profit Shifting**
Steffen Juraneck, DIRK SCHINDLER (Norwegian School of Economics) and Andrea Schneider
Discussant: Thomas Gresik

15:30 – 16:05 **Border Adjusted Taxes, Cash Flow Taxes, and Transfer Pricing**
Eric W. Bond and THOMAS GRESIK (University of Notre Dame)
Discussant: Michael Stimmelmayer

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16:05 – 16:40 **Tax Competition in Developed, Emerging and Developing Regions - Same Same but Different?**

Mohammed Mardan and MICHAEL STIMMELMAYR (ETH Zurich)
Discussant: Marco Runkel

16:40 – 17:15 **Climate Policy and Optimal Public Debt**

Maximilian Kellner and MARCO RUNKEL (Technische Universität Berlin)
Discussant: Dirk Schindler

19:30 Conference Dinner at Restaurant Hirschau

Saturday, 14 April 2018

Parallel Session 5a - Ludwig Erhard Room

Empirical Public Finance

Chair: Matthias Wrede

09:15 – 09:50 **Tax Responses when Frictions Dissolve...or when Swedes disinherited themselves**

Sebastian Escobar, Henry Ohlsson and HAKAN SELIN (The Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy (IFAU))
Discussant: Matthias Wrede

09:50 – 10:25 **Decentralization of Nursing-home Regulation**

MATTHIAS WREDE (Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU))
Discussant: Hakan Selin

Parallel Session 5b - Richard Musgrave Room

Optimal Taxation II

Chair: Pierre Pestieau

09:15 – 09:50 **The Indirect Fiscal Benefits of Low-skilled Immigration**

DOMINIK SACHS (University of Munich)
Discussant: Pierre Pestieau

09:50 – 10:25 **Premature Deaths, Accidental Bequests and Fairness**

Marc Fleurbaey, Marie-Louise Leroux, PIERRE PESTIEAU (CORE), Gregory Ponthiere and Stephane Zuber
Discussant: Dominik Sachs

10:25 – 10:40 Coffee Break

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Parallel Session 6a – Ludwig Erhard Room

Experimental Public Economics

Chair: Robert Dur

- 10:40 – 11:15 **Embedding as a Pitfall for Survey-based Welfare Indicators: Evidence from an Experiment**
CLEMENS HETSCHKO (Freie Universität Berlin), Louisa von Reumont and Ronnie Schöb
Discussant: Johannes Rincke
- 11:15 – 11:50 **Who to Target in Fundraising? A Field Experiment on Gift Exchange**
Tobias Cagala, Ulrich Glogowsky and JOHANNES RINCKE (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg)
Discussant: Robert Dur
- 11:50 – 12:25 **Salience of Law Enforcement: A Field Experiment**
ROBERT DUR (Erasmus University Rotterdam) and Ben Vollaard
Discussant: Clemens Hetschko

Parallel Session 6b – Richard Musgrave Room

Theoretical Political Economy

Chair: Ngo Van Long

- 10:40 – 11:15 **The Political Economy of Multilateral Aid Funds**
JENNY SIMON (Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics) and Justin Valasek
Discussant: Nicolas Werquin
- 11:15 – 11:50 **Taxes and Turnout**
Felix Bierbrauer, Aleh Tsyvinski and NICOLAS WERQUIN (Toulouse School of Economics)
Discussant: Ngo Van Long
- 11:50 – 12:25 **Preference Divergence between the Electorate and their Elected Representatives**
Didier Laussel and NGO VAN LONG (McGill University)
Discussant: Jenny Simon
- 12:25 Light Lunch and End of Conference