



Workshop

Political Economy: Theory Meets Experiment

Program

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at CER-ETH – Center of Economic

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Program Monday, June 9th

Time	Article	Presenter
8:45 - 9.00	Welcome Address by the Organizers	
9:00 - 9:45	Rights Utility, Turnout, and the Value of Democracy	Rebecca Morton
9:45 - 10:30	Why Does Political Mobilization Work? The Role of Norms and Reciprocity	Pedro Robalo
10:30 - 11.00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 11:45	Coalition Preclusion Contracts/ Vote Share Thresholds	Hans Gersbach
11:45 -12:30	How Transparency Kills Information Aggregation: Theory and Experiment	Sebastian Fehrler
12:30 - 14.00	Lunch (Kunsthaus)	
14:00 - 14:45	Reputational Concerns in Committees	Bauke Visser
14:45 - 15:30	Committee Design with Endogenous Participation	Volker Hahn
15:30 - 16.00	Coffee Break	
16:00 - 16:45	Committee Approval: A Rational Theory and an Application to an Election in Zurich	Karine van der Straeten
16:45 - 17:30	Get Rid of Unanimity: The Superiority of Majority with Veto Power	Aniol Llorente- Saguer
18:00	Welcome Reception	

Program Tuesday, June 10th

Time	Article	Presenter
9:00 - 9:45	Who Writes the Bill? The Role of the Agenda-Setter in Legislative Lobbying	Maik Schneider
9:45 - 10:30	An Experimental Study of Institutions and Lobbying	Melis Kartal
10:30 - 11.00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 11:45	Turf Wars	Helios Herrera
11:45 -12:30	Gender, Efficiency and Voting	Roberto Weber
12:30 - 13.30	Lunch	
13:30 - 14:15	Party over Policy Revisited: Policy Attitudes among Ambivalent Partisans in the USA	Marco Steenbergen
14:15 - 15:00	The Mechanics of Reputational Cheap Talk: An Experiment with Crystal Balls	Marco Ottaviani
15:00 - 15.10	Break	
15:10 - 15:35	Costs of Change, Political Polarization and Re-election Hurdles	Oriol Tejada
15:35 - 16:00	Subliminal Political Poster Ads: Experimental Evidence from Switzerland and the U.S.	Livio Raccuia
17:00 - 19:00	Boat Trip on Lake Zurich	
20:00	Dinner (Waid Restaurant)	

Program Wednesday, June 11th

Time	Article	Presenter
9:00 - 9:45	Legislative Bargaining with Accountability	Niall Hughes
9:45 - 10:30	Legislative Bargaining with Heterogeneous Reservation Values: Theory and Experiments	Christoph Vanberg
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 11:45	Gambler's Fallacy and Imperfect Best Response in Legislative Bargaining	Jan Zapal
11:45 - 12:30	The Political Economy of Public Debt: A Laboratory Experiment	Salvatore Nunnari
12:30 - 12:40	Break (with Sandwiches)	
12:40 - 13:25	Collective Self-Control	Leeat Yariv
15:00	City Tour (voluntary)	
End of Workshop		

Useful Information

- The **sessions** will take place at Zurichbergstr. 18 in Room G1.
- On Monday, we will have lunch at Restaurant Kunsthaus, Helmplatz 1, 8001 Zürich.
- The **welcome reception** on Monday will take place right in front of the conference room, Room G1, at Zurichbergstr. 18.
- The **boat trip** on Tuesday will start at Bürkli-Platz at 17.10h. It is a 15min walk from the Workshop-Building. We will meet outside of the building at 16.40h. You may also go there on your own if you prefer.
- We will have **dinner** on Tuesday at Restaurant “Die Waid”. Information on the restaurant is available at: <http://www.dieward.ch/> . We will go there directly after the boat trip. If someone does not join the boat trip, we will meet at 18.45h at Bürkli-Platz and go together from there to the restaurant.
- If you like to join the **city-tour** on Wednesday, we will meet right outside the Building at Zurichbergstr. 18 at 14.40h. Then we go to Bellevue (ZSG Ticketeria) where the tour starts. The tour will take about 2h. It will end at the main station.
- You can find information on **public transport** in Zurich at www.zvv.ch.
- Further (**tourist**) **information** about the city and activities in and around Zurich are available at <http://www.zuerich.ch/content/zh/en/index/tourism.html>
- Hotel rooms are reserved in the Hotel du Theatre and the Hotel Bristol.
 - Reservations in **Hotel du Theatre** for
Helios Herrera
Rebecca Morton
Marco Ottaviani
Karine van der Straeten
Christoph Vanberg
Bauke Visser
Leeat Yariv
 - Reservations in **Hotel Bristol** for
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Pedro Robalo
Jan Zapal
- Further information on how to get from the hotel to the workshop will follow. The addresses of the hotels are:
 - Hotel du Theatre: Seilergraben 69, 8001 Zürich, Tel: +41 44 267 2670, web: hotel-du-theatre.ch

– Hotel Bristol: Stampfenbachstr. 34, 8006 Zürich, Tel: +41 44 258 4400, web: hotel-
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- There are two **guest offices** and one **meeting room** available for workshop-participants on the D-floor. Please let one of the organizers know if you like to use one, e.g. for an important phone call.
- If you need to **print** a document, you can use the computers in one of the guest offices. Please let one of the organizers know.
- To use **Wifi** please follow these steps:
 - Choose network “public” among available network-connections
 - When opening browser, ETH-connection site should appear
 - Click on the red link to the login page: “<https://enter.ethz.ch/enter>”
 - Enter in login-mask:
username: cereth0614
password: politecon0614

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