
8th ifo Dresden Workshop on Regional Economics

September 20 / 21, 2018

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— Program —

Day 1	Thursday, September 20, 2018
09:00	Registration and morning coffee
09:25	Opening and welcome address Christian Lessmann (TU Braunschweig)
Session 1	Attractiveness of localities
09:30	Concentration of production over time – persistence and transformation of regional economic patterns PETRIK RUNST (University of Goettingen), with M. Wyrwich Discussant: Matthias Geissler (TU Dresden)
10:15	Flight from urban blight: Lead poisoning, crime and suburbanization FEDERICO CURCI (CUNEF), with F. Masera Discussant: Tania Fernandez-Navia
11:00	Coffee break
Session 2	Spatial inequality
11:30	Spatial inequality, geography and economic activity SANDRA ACHTEN (TU Braunschweig), with C. Lessmann Discussant: Federico Curci
12:15	Optimal public investment in economic centers and the periphery MARTIN MEURERS (BMW), with J. Moenius Discussant: David Kurfess
13:00	Lunch and coffee at the ifo Institute

Session 3 **Lessons from regional analyses**

- 14:00** **How do regional price levels affect income inequality? Household-level evidence from 21 countries**
MAREK ŠEDIVÝ (Charles University), with P. Janský
Discussant: Rozeta Simonovska
- 14:45** **Dependence of agglomeration effects on the spatial scale and shape: The case of Germany**
ROZETA SIMONOVSKA (University of Goettingen)
Discussant: Petrik Runst
- 15:30** **Coffee Break**

Session 4 **Political economy and public policy**

- 16:00** **The effect of unemployment benefit generosity on geographical mobility**
TANIA FERNANDEZ-NAVIA (University of Barcelona)
Discussant: Sandra Achten
- 16:45** **The political economy of multilateral lending to European regions**
ANNIKA HAVLIK (University of Mannheim), with Z. Asatryan
Discussant: Marek Šedivý
- 17:30** **End of the first day**
- 19:30** **Get-together-dinner with workshop participants**
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01067 Dresden

Day 2 **Friday, September 21, 2018**

09:15 **Morning coffee**

Session 5 **Size distribution**

09:45 **The evolution of Zipf's law for U.S. cities**
ANGELINA HACKMANN (University of Bremen), with T. Klarl
Discussant: Christian Düben

10:30 **Population, light, and the size distribution of cities**
CHRISTIAN DÜBEN (Hamburg University), with M. Krause
Discussant: Angelina Hackmann

11:15 **Coffee break and snacks at the ifo Institute**

Session 6 **Taxation**

12:00 **Regional implications of national tax policy**
DAVID KURFESS (University of Tübingen), with P. Egger, V. Merlo and
G. Wamser
Discussant: Martin Meurers

12:45 **Infrastructure and business taxes**
GREGOR PFEIFER (University of Hohenheim), with D. F. Heuermann
Discussant: Annika Havlik

13:30 **End of the workshop**

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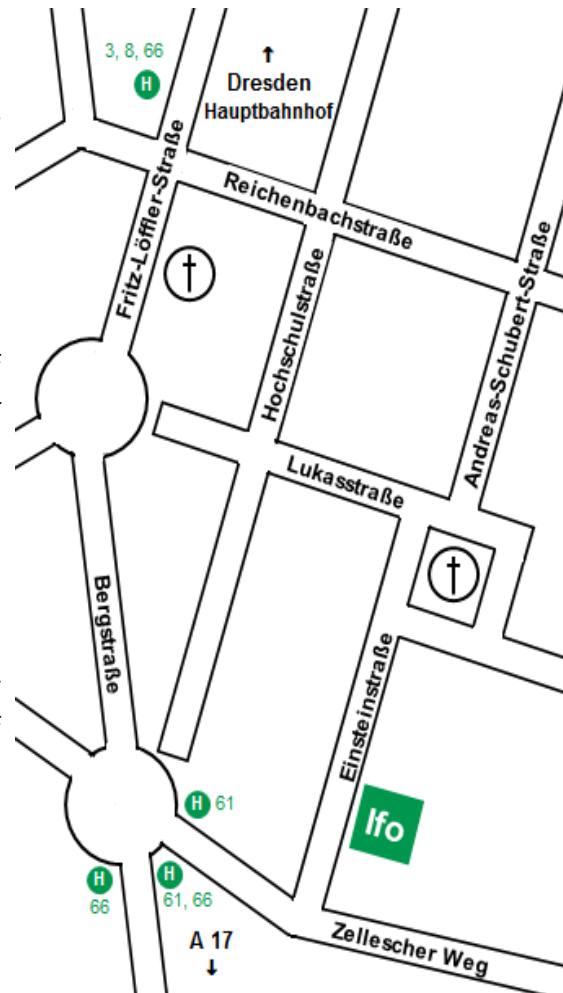
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