
**7th ifo Dresden Workshop „Regional Economics“
28 – 29 September 2017**

Final program

Thursday, 28. September 2017:

09:30 **Registration and morning coffee**

09:55 **Opening and welcome address**
CHRISTIAN LESSMANN (TU Braunschweig)

Session 1: Inter-regional exchange

10:00 **The employment effects of trade liberalisation and (local) labour market tightness**
DAVID KURFESS (IAW Tübingen), with T. Brändle
Discussant: Zainab Iftikhar

10:45 **Brain drain, informality and inequality between skill groups: A search-and-matching model for Sub-Saharan Africa**
ZAINAB IFTIKHAR (UC Louvain), with F. Docquier
Discussant: David Kurfess

11:30 **Coffee break**

Session 2: Voting

11:45 **Voter turnout and inheritance rules: Evidence from an alpine region**
MARTIN MOSLER (ifo Institute Munich), with A. Bonoldi, C. Dalle Nogare, N. Potrafke

12:30 **Democratic experience and retrospective voting**
JOHANNES RODE (TU Darmstadt), with M. Neugart
Discussant: Stefanie Gaebler

13:15 **Lunch and coffee break at the ifo Institute**

Session 3: Political economy

- 14:30** **Does tax policy follow the inverse-elasticity rule? Evidence from German municipalities**
SEBASTIAN BLESSE (ZEW Mannheim), with P. Dörrenberg, and A. Rauch
Discussant: Gabriel Loumeau
- 15:15** **The effects of direct elections on public outcomes and spatial inequalities – Quasi-experimental evidence from Germany**
STEFANIE GAEBLER (ifo Institute Munich), with F. Roesel
Discussant: Johannes Rode
- 16:00** **Coffee break**

Session 4: Spatial inequality

- 16:30** **Local border reforms and economic activity: Evidence from Germany**
GABRIEL LOUMEAU (ETH Zurich), with P. H. Egger, and M. Köthenbürger
Discussant: Jamil Nur
- 17:15** **Dismantled once, diverged forever? A quasi-natural experiment of Red Army misdeeds in post-WWII Europe**
CHRISTIAN OCHSNER (ifo Institute Dresden)
- 18:00** **End of day 1**
- 19:30** **Get-together-dinner with all workshop participants**

Friday, 29. September 2017:

09:15 Morning coffee

Session 5: Agglomeration

09:45 Quantifying the effect of labor market size on learning externalities

JAN CORNELIUS PETERS (Thünen Institute)

Discussant: Adrian Lerche

10:30 Residential land prices and the growth of cities

JAMIL NUR (University of Cambridge), with C. Teulings

Discussant: Jan Cornelius Peters

11:15 Snack and coffee break at the ifo Institute

Session 6: Financing

12:00 Savings banks and the industrial revolution in Prussia: Supporting regional development with public financial institutions

FABIAN WAHL (University of Hohenheim), with S. Lehmann-Hasemeyer

Discussant: Sebastian Blesse

12:45 Investment incentives and the response of firms

ADRIAN LERCHE (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

Discussant: Fabian Wahl

13:30 End of the workshop

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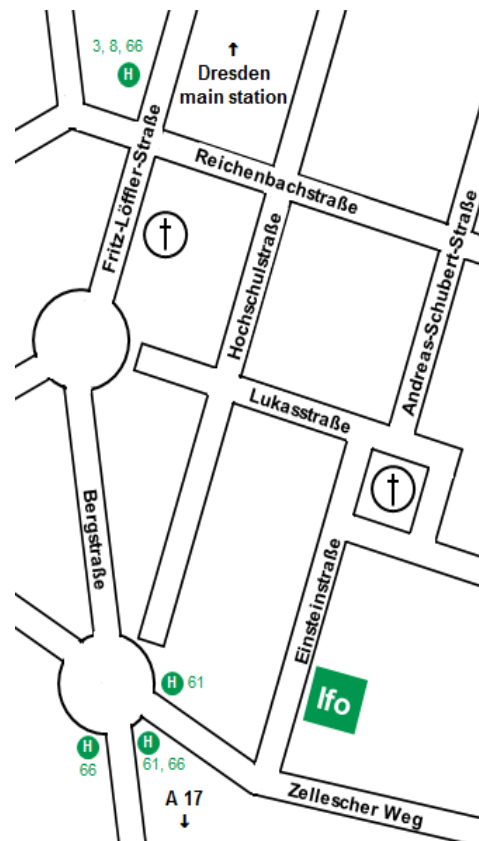
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