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SATURDAY JULY 22

19.30 pm - dinner at the hotel (separate section in the dining room, after the bar on the entrance floor)

SUNDAY JULY 23

7.15 am - breakfast at the hotel (separate section for workshop participants)

8.45 am - 12.00 noon - mountain walk (meet in lobby)

12.55 pm meet in the conference room (1ST floor, left from the steps)

Session 1.1

Chair, Jan-Egbert Sturm

13.00 pm (1)

Jerg Gutmann*, Matthis Neuenkirch, and Florian Neumeier

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Sanctioned to death: The impact of economic sanctions on life expectancy and its gender gap

Discussion openers: Carsten Hefeker, Tommy Krieger

13.30 pm (2)

Lars P. Feld, Christian Frey, Christophe A. Schaltegger*, and Lucas A. Schmidt

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Fiscal federalism and income inequality: An empirical analysis for Switzerland

Discussion openers: Momi Dahan, Luisa Lorenz

14.00 pm (3)

Cristina Corduneanu-Huci, Michael Dorsch*, and Paul Maarek

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The political economy of program evaluations

Discussion openers: Florian Neumeier, Anna Maria Koukal

Coffee break: 14.30 pm - 15.00 pm

Session 1.2

Chair, François Facchini

15.00 pm (4)

Katharina Hofer*

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Shirk or work: On how legislators react to monitoring

Discussion openers: Markus Brückner, , João Pereira Dos Santos

15.30 pm (5)

Ben Lockwood and James Rockey*

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Negative Voters: Electoral Competition with Loss Aversion

Discussion openers: Luis Fernando Medina, Jean Lacroix

Break: 16.00 pm – 16.15 pm

Session 1.3

Chair, Jamus Jerome Lim

16.15 pm (6)

Computing machine learning indexes: A new method for uncovering the political determinants of economic growth

Klaus Gründler and Tommy Krieger*

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Discussion openers: Niklas Potrafke, Kai Gehring

16.45 pm (7)

Susana Peralta and João Pereira dos Santos*

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Who seeks re-election? Local fiscal constraints and political careers

Discussion openers: François Facchini, Monika Köppl-Turyna

17.15 – 17.30 pm break

Session 1.4

Chair, Arye Hillman

17.30 pm (8)

Arash Naghavi* and Shujaat Farooq

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Colonial indirect rule and pre-colonial ethnic institutions: Evidence from British India

Discussion openers: Vivekananda Mukherjee, Toke Aidt

18.00 pm (9)

Vera Z. Eichenauer*

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December fever in public finance

Discussion openers: Marcus Drometer, Stefanie Gäbler

18.30 end

19.30 pm – DINNER

MONDAY JULY 24

7.00 am - BREAKFAST

Session 2.1

Chair, Pierre-Guillaume Méon

8.10 am (10)

Dodge Cahan, Luisa Lorenz*, and Niklas Potrafke

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Government ideology and monetary policy in OECD countries

Discussion openers: Jamus Jerome Lim, Katharina Hofer

8.40 am (11)

Momi Dahan* and Michel Strawczynski

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Budget institutions and government effectiveness

Discussion openers: Vera Eichenauer, Arash Naghavi

9.10 am (12)

Giovanni B. Pittaluga* and Elena Seghezza*

Fiscal pro-cyclicality and populism in some Latin American Andean countries

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Discussion openers: Jean-Paul Azam; Anna Maria Koukal

Coffee break 9.40 - 10.00 am

Session 2.2

Chair, Carsten Hefeker

10.00 am (13)

Stephanie Gäbler*, Niklas Potrafke, Felix Rösel

Compulsory voting, turnout, and asymmetrical habit-formation

Discussion openers: Ekaterina Borisova, Luis Fernando Medina

10.30 am (14)

Liu Qijun*

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The effects of corruption on income inequality

Discussion openers: Niklas Potrafke, Florian Neumeier

11.00 am (15)

Akash Issar, Jamus Jerome Lim, and Sanket Mohapatra*

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Firm efficiency in an institutionally-diverse world

Discussion openers: Christoph Schaltegger, James Rockey

12.00 pm - END

12.15 pm MEET OUTSIDE HOTEL

19.00 pm - DINNER

After dinner session

Session 2.3

Chair, Heinrich Ursprung

20.45 pm (16)

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The Sight of Blood and the Apocalypse: The Motivations of Daesh's Recruits

Discussion openers: Raul Caruso, Arye Hillman,

21.30 pm END

TUESDAY JULY 25

7.00 am - BREAKFAST

Session 3.1

Chair, Carsten Hefeker

8.10 am (17)

Jean Lacroix*, Pierre-Guillaume Méon and Khalid Sekkat

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Do democratic transitions attract foreign investment and how fast?

Discussion openers: Nadine McCloud-Rose, Monika Köppl-Turyna

8.40 am (18)

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Inequality and trade uncertainty

Discussion openers: Michael T. Dorsch, Debora Di Gigioacchino

9.10 am (19)

R. Warren Anderson*

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Portugal and the colonial resource curse

Discussion openers: Giovanni Battista Pittaluga, Volker Lindenthal

9.40 - 10.00 am COFFEE BREAK

Session 3.2

Chair: Elena Seghezza

10.00 am (20)

Nadine McCloud*, Michael S. Delgado, and Samuel Braithwaite

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A mutualism analysis of capital inflows and exchange rates: Does government stability matter?

Discussion openers: Carsten Hefeker, Jan-Egbert Sturm

10.30 am (21)

Anna Maria Koukal*

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The shepherd and his sheep: How Vatican II influenced the introduction of women's suffrage in Switzerland

Discussion openers: Agnese Sacchi, Katharina Hofer

11.00 pm (22)

Marcus Drometer* and Romuald Méango

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Migration and elections

Discussion openers: Jean-Paul Azam, Sanket Mohapatra

11.30 pm (23)

Dodge Cahan and Niklas Potrafke*

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The Democratic-Republican growth gap and the partisan balance of state governments

Discussion opener: Warren Anderson, Volker Lindenthal

12.00 END

12.15 pm MEET OUTSIDE HOTEL

19.00 pm - DINNER

After dinner session

Session 3.3

Chair, Toke Aidt

20.45 pm (24)

Volker Lindenthal*

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Betting against the Jews: The market reaction to Jewish firms in Nazi Germany

Discussion openers: Kai Gehring, Warren Anderson

21.30 pm END

WEDNESDAY JULY 26

7.00 am - BREAKFAST

Session 4.1

Chair, Christoph Schaltegger

8.10 am (25)

Raul Caruso

War, stalemate, and military spending

Discussion openers: Panu Poutvaara, Tommy Krieger

8.40 am (26)

Debora Di Gioacchino*

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Mass media and attitudes to inequality

Discussion openers: James Rockey, Jerg Gutmann

9.10 am (27)

François Facchini* and Elena Seghezza

Structure of public spending, minimal state and economic growth in France (1870-2010)

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Discussion openers: Pierre-Guillaume Méon, Giovanni Battista Pittaluga

9.40 - 10.00 am COFFEE BREAK

Session 4.2

Chair, Giovanni Battista Pittaluga

10.30 am (28)

David Bartolini, Agnese Sacchi,* Domenico Scalera and Alberto Zazzaro

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The closer the better? Institutional distance and information blurring in a political agency model

Discussion openers: Heinrich Ursprung, Panu Poutvaara

11.00 am (29)

Poulomi Bhattacharya and Vivekananda Mukherjee*

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Political economy of corruption in 'red tape'

Discussion openers: Liu Qijun, Markus Drometer

11.30 am (30)

Ekaterina Borisova*, Andrei Govorun, Denis Ivanov, and Irina Levina

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Who to help?: Trust, social norms, and preferences for redistribution target groups

Discussion openers: Warren Anderson, Luisa Lorenz

12.00 pm END

12.15 pm MEET OUTSIDE HOTEL

19.00 pm - DINNER

After dinner session

Session 4.3

Chair, Jan-Egbert Sturm

20.45 pm (31)

Toke Aidt*, Gabriel Leon and Max Satchell

The social dynamics of riots: Evidence from the Captain Swing Riots, 1830-31

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Discussion openers: Elena Seghezza, Nadine McCloud-Rose

21.30 END

THURSDAY JULY 27

7.00 am – BREAKFAST

Session 5.1

Chair, Carsten Hefeker

8.20 am (32)

Christina M. Fong and Panu Poutvaara*

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Redistributive politics with target-specific beliefs

Discussion openers: Momi Dahan, Ekaterina Borisova

8.50 am (33)

Tim Freihe, Helge Müller, and Florian Neumeier*

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Media content's role in the making of a democrat: Evidence from East Germany

Discussion openers: Jean Lacroix, Vera Eichenauer

9.20 am (34)

Pierre-Guillaume Méon* and Abel François

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Perceived corruption and government level: Far away politicians are perceived as more corrupt

Discussion openers: Debora Di Gioacchino, Liu Qijun

9.50 – 10.10 am COFFEE BREAK

10.10 am Session 5.2:

Chair: Heinrich Ursprung

10.10 am (35)

Héctor Galdino, Sebastián Lavezzlo, and Luis Fernando Medina*

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Extended franchise and compulsory voting

Discussion openers: Jamus Jerome Lim, Stefanie Gäbler

10.40 am (36)

Kai Gehring*, Sarah langlotz, and Stefan Kienberger

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Opium cultivation and the geography of opium cultivation in Afghanistan

Discussion openers: Agnese Sacchi, Vivekananda Mukherjee

11.10 – 11.20 am BREAK

Session 5.3

Chair, Arye Hillman

11.20 am (37)

Monika Köppl-Turyna* and Laurenz Ennser-Jedenastik

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Cushion or catalyst? How welfare state generosity moderates the impact of economic vulnerability on populist radical right support

Discussion openers: Arash Naghavi, Jerg Gutmann

11.40 am (38)

Frank Bohn and Jan-Egbert Sturm*

What do recession expectations do to political budget cycles? Countercyclical policy responses and procyclical changes in deficits

Discussion openers: João Pereira Dos Santos, Michael Dorsch

12.10 pm CONCLUDING REMARKS

12.15 pm END

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RULES

Attendance at sessions

You are asked to attend all sessions. We have a tradition that the first and last presenters have the same audience as other presenters. If you cannot commit to attend all sessions, please cancel your participation.

Computers and phones

Please do not activate personal computers during presentations. There is evidence that computers are alienating for presenters. People look at the computer as if the presenter is not present. Place phones on silent. Please try to check email on your phone no more than once an hour. If reply is not instantaneously urgent, we ask that you wait for the end of the session to reply.

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 30 minutes.

Presenters have 14 minutes.

Format:

- Slide #1: why the research question is interesting
- Slides #2: answers to the research question in prior literature
- Next slides: the contribution to the answer to the research question
- Conclusions – the message of the paper

Presenters should place their files on the computer in the conference room during the break before presentation of the paper.

Discussion openers

Discussion openers have limit of 2 minutes.

The discussion should focus on main issues. 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 and do not use slides.

Chair

Strictly enforce the 14 minute time limit for speakers

If there are no further comments, do not attempt to evoke comments but move to the next paper or close the session.

If there is interesting discussion and people want to continue to comment, allow the discussion to proceed beyond the time limit for the paper – other papers may end earlier.

Seating

When you enter the conference room, please take the first seat available around the table. If the main table is full, please then go to the outside table. This is the most efficient way to fill up the table. This could also be a rule for breakfast and dinner: you will meet new people.

NOTES

Copies of the workshop program

Print and bring a copy of the workshop program to the workshop. Copies of the program will not be provided at the workshop.

Papers

Send the final version of your paper to Arye Hillman and Heinrich Ursprung, and to your discussion openers by July 15.

Timing of sessions

The times of the sessions can change contingent on the weather and weather predictions.

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.

Arrivals from afar

If you are coming from afar, we ask that you arrive a day or more early to avoid jet lag.

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 will a deposit required against returning the pass.

Hotel facilities

The hotel has a spa pool and sauna.

Meals

Breakfast and dinner are included 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 so 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 hikes.

A hat and sunscreen are required for the mountain walks.

Time constraints

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 shall 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 PONTESINA

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 13.05 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 for the Swiss train.

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 at 11.40 am from the parking lot at the northern end of 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 need a car during the duration of the workshop. If you bring a car, you will need to pay for parking.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is the workshop called 'Silvaplana'? The answer is that we began in Silvaplana and after some years moved to Pontresina. We keep 'Silvaplana' because we tend to be conservative and because perhaps we shall move back there one day.