Workshop on Regional and Urban Economics, March 2–3, 2023

Program Overview

Organized by: Center for Regional Economic Development (CRED) and the Department of Economics at the University of Bern

Haus der Universität, Schlösslistrasse 5, 3008 Bern, Switzerland

Schedule:

- Start on Thursday, March 2nd, 2023, 10 am
- End on Friday, March 3rd, 2023, 6 pm
- Excursion in the Bernese Alps on Saturday, March 4th

Thursday, March 2nd, 2023

9:30 – 10:00 Coffee

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome Address

10:15 – 11:00 Prottoy Aman Akbar
Who Benefits from Faster Public Transit?
Presented by Prottoy Aman Akbar (Aalto University)

11:00 – 11:45 Richard Hornbeck, Guy Michaels, and Ferdinand Rauch
Identifying Agglomeration Shadows: Long-run Evidence from Ancient Ports
Presented by Guy Michaels (London School of Economics)

11:45 – 12:30 Douglas Gollin, Martina Kirchberger, and Paul Blanchard
Perpetual Motion: Human Mobility and Spatial Frictions in Three African Countries
Presented by Martina Kirchberger (Trinity College Dublin)

12:30 – 13:45 Lunch
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13:45 – 14:30 Felipe Carozzi, Edward Pinchbeck, and Luca Repetto
*Scars of War: the local legacy of WW1 deaths on British soldiers*
Presented by Felipe Carozzi (London School of Economics)

14:30 – 15:15 Stephan Heblich, Dávid Krisztián Nagy, Alex Trew, and Yanos Zylberberg
*The Death and Life of Great British Cities*
Presented by Dávid Krisztián Nagy (CREi, Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

15:15 – 16:00 Gabriel M. Ahlfeldt, Nathaniel Baum–Snow, and Remi Jedwab
*The Skyscraper Revolution: Global Economic Development and Land Savings*
Presented by Gabriel M. Ahlfeldt (London School of Economics)

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:30 Keynote Lecture: Where is Standard of Living the Highest?
*Local Prices and the Geography of Consumption*
Enrico Moretti (U California, Berkeley, online presentation)

19:00 Conference dinner at Restaurant Marzer, Brückenstrasse 12
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09:00 – 09:45    Marcel Henkel, Eunjee Kwon, and Pierre Magontier
The Unintended Consequences of Post–Disaster Policies for Spatial Sorting
Presented by Pierre Magontier (CRED, University of Bern)

09:45 – 10:30    Adrien Bilal, and Esteban Rossi–Hansberg
Anticipating Climate Change Risk across the United States
Presented by Adrien Bilal (Harvard University)

10:30 – 10:45    Coffee break

10:45 – 12:00    Keynote Lecture: Quantifying Social Interactions Using Smartphone Data
Jessie Handbury (Wharton School, U Penn)

12:00 – 13:15    Lunch

13:15 – 14:00    James Duguid, Bryan Kim, Lindsay Relihan, and Chris Wheat
The COVID Shock to Brick–and–Mortar Retail Establishments
Presented by Lindsay Relihan (Purdue University)

14:00 – 14:45    Cécile Gaubert, Frédéric Robert–Nicoud
Sorting to expensive cities
Presented by Frédéric Robert–Nicoud (University of Geneva)

14:45 – 15:00    Coffee break
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15:00 – 15:45 Jeffrey Brinkman, Jeffrey Lin, and Kyle Mangum
Expecting an Expressway
Presented by Jeffrey Lin (Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia)

15:45 – 16:30 Joan Monras and Jose G. Montalvo
The Effect of Second-Generation Rent Controls: New Evidence from Catalonia
Presented by Joan Monras (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco)

16:30 – 17:15 Christian A. L. Hilber and Andreas Mense
The Determinants of Homeownership across Space
Presented by Christian A. L. Hilber (London School of Economics)

17:15 Apéro