Workshop on Regional and Urban Economics, February 1–2, 2024

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, February 1st, 2024, 10 am
- End on Friday, February 2nd, 2024, 6 pm
- Excursion in the Bernese Alps on Saturday, February 3rd

Thursday, February 1st, 2024

9:00 – 09:30  Coffee
09:30 – 09:45  Welcome Address
09:45 – 10:30  Hans R.A. Koster and Gabriel Loumeau
The Persistence of Urban Decline: Evidence from France’s Largest Coal Basin
Presented by Hans R.A. Koster (VU Amsterdam)

10:30 – 11:15  Kohei Takeda and Atsushi Yamagishi
The Economic Dynamics of City Structure: Evidence from Hiroshima’s Recovery
Presented by Kohei Takeda (National University of Singapore)

11:15–11:30  Coffee break
11:30 – 12:15  Clara Santamaria and Ana Moreno–Maldonado
Delaying Childbearing and Urban Revival: A Structural Approach
Presented by Ana Moreno–Maldonado (University of Mannheim)

12:15 – 13:45  Lunch
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13:45 – 14:30  Lindsay Relihan
   **Clicks and Bricks: The Complementarity of Online Retail and Urban Services**
   Presented by Lindsay Relihan (Purdue University)

14:30 – 15:15  Matthias Hoelzlein and Sam Miller
   **The Gentrification Effect of Premium Stores: Evidence from Whole Foods Market and Trader Joe’s**
   Presented by Matthias Hoelzlein (University of Notre Dame)

14:45 – 15:15  Coffee break

15:15 – 16:30  Simon Fuchs and Woan Foong Wong
   **Multimodal Transport Networks**
   Presented by Simon Fuchs (Atlanta Fed)

16:30 – 17:15  Maximilian v. Ehrlich, Pierre Magontier and Markus Schläpfer
   **How do Shocks Affect Human Interactions in Cities? Evidence from Mobile Phone Data in Singapore**
   Presented by Maximilian v. Ehrlich (CRED, University of Bern)

19:00  Conference dinner at **Restaurant Marzer**, Brückenstrasse 12
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Friday, February 2nd, 2024

09:00 – 09:45 Jan David Bakker, Alvaro Garcia–Marin, Andrei Potlogea, Nico Voigtländer and Yang Yang
Cities, Heterogeneous Firms, and Trade
Presented by Jan David Bakker (Bocconi University)

09:45 – 10:30 Conor Walsh
The Startup Multiplier
Presented by Conor Walsh (Columbia University)

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:30 Lucas Conwell
Subways or Minibuses? Privatized Provision of Public Transit
Presented by Lucas Conwell (University College London)

11:30 – 12:15 Matthias Wrede, Wolfgang Dauth and Andreas Mense
The Labor Market Consequences of Living in Social Housing
Presented by Matthias Wrede (Friedrich–Alexander–University Erlangen–Nürnberg)

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:45 Keynote Lecture: The Topography of Nations
Treb Allen (Dartmouth College)
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14:45 – 15:00 Coffee break

15:00 – 15:45 Yuhei Miyauchi, Eric Donald, and Masao Fukui
Unpacking Aggregate Welfare in a Spatial Economy
Presented by Yuhei Miyauchi (Boston University)

15:45 – 16:30 Michael Pflüger and Katja Gehr
The Worth of Cities in Germany
Presented by Michael Pflüger (University of Würzburg)

16:30 – 17:15 Tobias Seidel, Gabriel M. Ahlfeldt, Fabian Bald and Duncan H.W. Roth
Measuring Quality of Life under Spatial Frictions
Presented by Tobias Seidel (University of Duisburg–Essen)

17:15 Apéro