



Conference on Regional Economics and Public Policy

Program (Day 1)

Wednesday January 28th, 2015

Venue: Haus der Universitaet, Schloesslistrasse 5, 3008 Bern, Switzerland, www.hausderuniversitaet.ch

09:30 – 10:00	Coffee
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome Address
10:15 – 11:00	Express delivery to the suburbs – Transport infrastructure and European cities Elisabet Viladecans Marsal, University of Barcelona
11:00 – 11:45	Testing for localization using micro-geographic data: A new approach Yasusada Murata, Nihon University
11:45 – 12:30	Relational contracts and supplier turnover in the global economy Jens Südekum, University of Düsseldorf
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 15:00	Keynote Lecture: The geography of development: Evaluating migration restrictions and coastal flooding Esteban Rossi-Hansberg, Princeton University
15:00 – 15:45	Mobility and progressive taxation Kurt Schmidheiny, University of Basel
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 16:45	Are cities too big? Frédéric Robert-Nicoud, University of Geneva
16:46 – 17:30	Optimal taxation under regional inequality Sebastian Kessing, University of Siegen
19:30	Conference Dinner

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Program (Day 2)

Thursday January 29th, 2015

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- 09:00 – 09:45 **Agglomeration economies, taxable rents, and government capture: Evidence from a place-based policy**
Marius Brühlhart, University of Lausanne
- 09:45 – 10:30 **The persistent effects of place-based policies: Evidence from the West-German Zonenrandgebiet**
Tobias Seidel, University of Duisburg-Essen
- 10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break
- 10:45 – 12:00 **Keynote Lecture 2: Micro-regional evidence on financial-crisis effects**
Peter H. Egger, ETH Zurich
- 12:00 – 13:15 Lunch
- 13:15 – 14:00 **Hold that ghost: Local government cheating on transfers**
Albert Solé-Ollé, University of Barcelona
- 14:00 – 14:45 **Fiscal equalization, capitalization and the flypaper effect**
Wouter Vermeulen, CPB and VU University Amsterdam
- 14:45 – 15:15 Coffee break
- 15:15 – 16:00 **Crissing the crosses: On yardstick competition among Christian churches**
Marko Köthenbürger, ETH Zurich
- 16:00 – 16:45 **Is highway access good for your tax base?**
Raphaël Parchet, University of Lugano
- 16:45 – 18:30 Reception and closing of scientific program

Friday January 30th, 2015

- 09:00 – 17:00 **Skiing excursion:** Resort will be determined according to snow conditions. Equipment (ski and boots) is available for rent.

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