

European Summer Symposium in Economic Theory 2008

Gerzensee, Monday 30 June-Friday 11 July 2008

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I write to invite you to the European Summer Symposium in Economic Theory 2008. Fifty economists will meet for two weeks from 30 June to the 11 July at the Studienzentrum Gerzensee in Switzerland. The Symposium is organized by CEPR jointly with the Studienzentrum, a foundation of the Swiss National Bank. The focal points of the meeting are a small number of special workshops which determine the broad themes of the meeting. In recent years the workshops have been on:

- 2002: Empirical Industrial Organization (Robert H. Porter, Ariel Pakes and Frank A Wolak) Dynamics of Collusion (Kyle Bagwell, Susan Carleton Athey, Atila Abdulkadiroglu and Hugo Hopenhayn) Dynamics of Social Optima (Harald Uhlig, Narayana Kocherlakota, Albert Marcet and Hugo Hopenhayn) Entrepreneurship and Innovation (Bengt Holmström, Boyan Jovanovic, Augustin Landier and Denis Gromb)
- 2003: Computer Science and Economics (Ilya Segal and Noam Nissan) Biology and Economics (Ted Bergström and Arthur Robson)
- 2004: Law and Economics (Andrew Postlewaite) Allocation Mechanisms without Prices (Ariel Rubinstein, Michele Piccone) Theoretical Issues in the Economics of Education (Christopher Avery) Economic Models of Reputation (Jeffrey Ely)
- 2005: Two-Sided Markets (Jean-Charles Rochet, Jean Tirole, Michael Katz, Ben Hermalin and Mark Armstrong) Organisations (Wouter Dessein, Dimitri Vayanos, and Debraj Ray) Complementarities and Games (Xavier Vives, Kiminori Matsuyama and Federico Echenique) The Empirics of Complementarities (Elie Tamer, Eugenio Miravete, and Andrew Sweeting)
- 2006: The Economics of Social Networks (Matthew O. Jackson, Andrea Galeotti, Sanjeev Goyal, Fernando Vega-Redondo and Leeat Yariv) Boundedly Rational Beliefs in Games (Ran Spiegler, Pierpaolo Battigalli, Martin Dufwenberg)
- 2007: Competition and Antitrust Enforcement (Chiara Fumagalli, Joe Harrington, Massimo Motta and Volker Nocke) Theoretical Models of Political Economy (Hulya Eraslan, Antonio Merlo and Roger Myerson)

At ESSET 2008, there will be two half-day workshops, one each week. The workshops in the first week will be on Communication and Decisions in Organizations organized by Luis Garicano. In the second week the workshops will be on Contracts and Rationality organized by Patrick Bolton.

The Organizing Committee of ESSET 2008 consists of Philippe Bacchetta, Leonardo Felli (chair, co-ordinator second week), Matthew O. Jackson, Margaret Meyer, Andrea Prat, Patrick Rey, Ran Spiegler, Juuso Valimaki, Timothy Van Zandt (co-ordinator first week) Xavier Vives and Lucy White.

In addition to the workshops there will be a number of small seminars. Typically, when no workshop is scheduled for the day, a 'compulsory' seminar in the morning and an 'optional' evening seminar will be held. Note that there are no seminars over the middle weekend. This should give participants plenty of spare time to interact and collaborate with one another, and to pursue their own research. Although most invitees have been selected on the basis of his/her interest in or contribution to this year's themes, the smaller seminars need not fall under one of the four headings.

The facilities at the Studienzentrum are outstanding. In addition to seminar rooms and an auditorium, there are group rooms, computer facilities, a library and a reading room. The Studienzentrum is housed in a converted manor house built around 1700 on the fringe of Gerzensee. It is situated in the heart of one of the most beautiful parts of Switzerland, the Bernese Oberland, and within easy reach of the Jungfrau and the Eiger. The Centre has numerous leisure facilities, including an exercise room, tennis courts and a games room. There is a lake in which it is possible to swim and a swimming pool in one of the neighbouring villages.

Participants should plan to arrive on Sunday 29 June and stay until the afternoon of Friday 11 July. To foster the desired interaction, we encourage participants to stay for the entire two-week period; however, participants do have the option of coming for one week only (shorter stay are not in the spirit of this conference and hence discouraged) and should indicate their preference in their response.[1]

Food and accommodation are provided free of charge to participants.[2] Subject to the availability of rooms, spouses/partners can be accommodated at a charge to cover costs. There is only limited accommodation available for children, and this will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The 2007 scale of charges for spouses and children is included for your reference. Should the prices be updated for 2008, you will be notified of this as soon as possible.

Travel funds for this meeting are strictly limited to the invited speakers of the workshops and a small group of junior researchers. We therefore ask participants to use alternative sources of funding (e.g. from your own department). Please indicate in your response whether you will be able to cover your own travel costs, or whether you would like to be considered for funding from CEPR. Travel expenses should be claimed according to the new CEPR guidelines (<http://www.cepr.org/meets/WKCN/misc/trp.pdf>).

A list of those invited is enclosed. Places will be strictly limited, however, and priority will be given to those who respond early and who commit to stay for longer. You should therefore respond quickly to this invitation and, in any event, no later than **Friday 28 February**. [3] To respond, please visit www.cepr.org/YourProfile/Meetings and indicate whether or not you wish to present a paper. If you would like to present a paper at ESSET 2008, please upload a one-page abstract or provisional draft online. Should you have any difficulties with your online application, please email Ingrid Put: iput@cepr.org

Other things being equal, priority will be given to those who submit papers. Please note that due to natural time restrictions and the large number of paper proposals, not all papers submitted are able to be included within the programme.[4]

Yours sincerely,

Inga Benner Senior Programme Officer

[1] For those participants staying for one week only: If by including a Saturday night in your trip you can decrease the cost of your flight then we ask that you do so.

[2] Food (except for breakfast) will however not be provided over the middle weekend.

[3] Please notice that this year the deadline for submission is anticipated by a month given the changes that occurred in the running of the Studienzentrum facility.

[4] As in the past two years only limited travel funds are available. These funds will be allocated using the strict priority: focus session speakers, graduate students, junior and senior researchers. We therefore encourage all participants to try to fund their travel using alternative funds where available.

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Invitees:

Philippe Aghion -108969
Nabil Al-Najjar (Northwestern, MEDS) - 157330
Luca Anderlini (Georgetown University) - 105761
Rosella Argenziano (Essex) - 161725
Mariagiovanna Baccara (NYU, Stern) - 159813
Philippe Bacchetta – 108548
Heski Bar-Isaac (NYU, Stern) - 158422
Jordi Blanes I Vidal (LSE) - 156770
Patrick Bolton (Princeton University) - 108941
Sandro Brusco (State Univ of New York at Stony Brook) - 119337
Roberto Burguet (Instituto de Análisis Esconómico) - 110730
Antonio Cabrales (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) - 129158
Bernard Caillaud (CERAS, Paris) - 109532
Guillermo Caruana (CEMFI) - 158187
Pablo Casas-Arce (Oxford) - 159969
Mathias Dewatripont (ULB) - 104808
Amil Dasgupta (London School of Economics) – 152344
Kfir Eliaz (Brown) - 153104
Erik Eyster (LSE) – 153262
Leonardo Felli (LSE)- 111069
Guido Friebel (Toulouse) – 126612
Juanjo Ganuza (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) - 161728
Luis Garicano (Chicago GSB-LSE) - 145086
Dino Gherardi (Yale) - 160023
Itay Goldstein (Tel Aviv University) - 151328
Andrei Hagiu (Princeton) - 161729
Christopher Harris (Cambridge) - 103092
Christian Hellwig (UCLA) - 161456
Heidrun Hoppe (University of Hamburg) - 141829
Johannes Horner (NWU) - 161005
Rafael Hortala-Vallive (LSE) - 160026
Elisabetta Iossa (Brunel) - 136036
Matthew O. Jackson (Stanford) -
Philippe Jehiel - 119002
Ian Jewitt (Nuffield College, Oxford) - 105851
Bruno Jullien (U. Toulouse) - 110975
Clare Leaver (Dept of Econ, Oxford) - 153049
Patrick Legros (ECARES, Free U Brussels) - 137562
Gilat Levy (LSE) - 145784
David McAdams (MIT) - 161731
Robin Mason (University of Southampton) - 145252
Niko Matouschek - 144676
Margaret Meyer - 108656
Benny Moldovanu - 126478
Volker Nocke (Oxford) - 141921
Marco Ottaviani (London Business School) - 137297
Martin Pesendorfer (LSE) – 140607
Michael Peters (UBC) – 161740
Andrea Prat (London School of Economics) - 138721
Imran Rasul (Chicago GSB) – 157538

Ronny Razin (NYU, LSE from 06/05) - 152435
Soenje Reiche (Cambridge) – 151970
Patrick Rey - 103815
Tano Santos (Columbia) - 161735
Armin Schmutzler (University of Zurich) - 157141
Klaus Schmidt (Universität München) - 127232
Monika Schnitzer (University of Munich) - 118127
Peter Sorensen (University of Copenhagen) - 149506
Ran Spiegler (Tel Aviv) - 148706
Konrad O Stahl - 103825
Christopher Tyson (Nuffield College, Oxford) - 159971
Tim Van Zandt (INSEAD) - 121299
Eric van den Steen (MIT) - 154343
Frank Verboven (University of Leuven) – 131022
Xavier Vives - 107024
Georg Weizsacker (LSE) - 160950
Lucy White (Lausanne) – 148708
Abhinay Muthoo (Essex) - 121671
V. Bhaskar (UCL) - 135477
Peter Kondor (Chicago GSB) - 163964
Rocco Macchiavello (Nuffield College, Oxford) - 159731
Emir Kamenica (Harvard) - 163966
Alex Gershkov (Bonn) - 163967
Deszo Szalay - 143130
Michele Piccione (LSE) - 139119
Oriana Bandiera (LSE) - 147704
Francesco Squintani (UCL) - 159972
Wouter Dessein (Chicago) - 146346
David Martimort (Toulouse) - 116141
Thomas Mariotti (Toulouse) - 135755
Jonathan Levin (Stanford) - 163969
Roger Lagunoff (Georgetown) - 163970
Josef Sakovicz (Edinburgh) - 163981
Vasiliki Skreta (UCLA) - 155869
Yuliy Sannikov (Berkeley) - 163980
Andrea Wilson (Chicago) - 163973
Adam Szeidl (Berkeley) - 153397
Yianis Sarafidis (Insead) - 156645
Luis Rayo (Chicago) - 163974
Yoram Halevy (University of British Columbia)
Ramon Casadesus-Masanell (Harvard Business School) - 156176
Jan Eeckhout (Penn) - 132629
Andrea Galeotti (Essex) - 163976
Jacob Goeree (Caltech) - 158510
Sanjeev Goyal (Cambridge) – 145089
Rachel Kranton (Maryland) - 145864
Andy Postlewaite (Penn) - 118061
Leeat Yariv (Caltech) - 153222
Yves Zenou (IUI Stockholm) - 126027

Juuso Valimaki (Helsinki School of Economics and Southampton)
Kim Sau Chung (Minnesota)
Robert Gibbons (MIT)
Ricardo Alonso (USC)
Heikki Rantakari (MIT)
Francisco Ruiz-Aliseda (Pampeu Fabra)

Peter Zemsky (INSEAD)
Uwe Sunde (IZA)
Lucie Ménager (Paris 2)
Estelle Cantillon (ECARES)
Emeric Henry (LBS)
Roman Inderst (Frankfurt)
Ernst-Ludwig von Thadden (Mannheim)
Martin Peitz (Mannheim)
Jakub Steiner (Edinburgh)
Yuval Salant (Stanford)
Flavio Toxvaerd (Cambridge)
Pierpaolo Battigalli (Bocconi)
Giovanni Maggi (Princeton)
Hamid Sabourian (Cambridge)
Kohei Kawamura (Edinburgh)
Sandeep Baliga (Northwestern)
Roberta Dessi (Toulouse)
Itzhak Gilboa (Tel Aviv)
David Schmeidler (Tel Aviv)

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Accompanying persons will be charged at the following rates
(Swiss Francs):

	Adults	Children	Children under 4 years
Room/Breakfast/ Coffee breaks	80.–	40.–	17.50
Room	60.--	28.–	
Breakfast	12.–	7.--	
Lunch	25.–	15.–	7.50
Dinner	25.--	15.–	7.50
Full Charge	130.–	70.--	32.50
Lunch-bag	12.--	8.--	