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HOUSEHOLD FINANCE

## Call for Papers

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics (SSES) will be held in St. Gallen, Switzerland on June 14 (Thursday) and June 15 (Friday), 2018. Prospective contributors are invited to submit papers. The special theme of the meeting will be “Household Finance”. However, as usual at SSES meetings, contributed papers across a wide range of topics will be welcome, including: macroeconomics, microeconomics, finance, economic policy, regulation, public economics, economic history, political economy, development economics, econometrics, and statistics.

**PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:** Authors must submit their paper (preliminary or full version, including abstract, JEL codes and keywords) between December 1, 2017 and February 1, 2018 via the conference website: <http://www.sgvs.ch/congress18>. There is no submission fee, but presenters and attendees will have to join the Society unless they already are members. Authors who wish to be considered for the 2018 SSES Young Economists Award should indicate this when submitting papers.

The papers to be presented will be selected by the Programme Committee. The submission of a paper is considered a commitment to attend the meeting, subject to the condition that the paper is accepted.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent by email no later than April 1, 2018. The registration deadline for the conference is May 1, 2018. A selection of contributions related to the special theme will be published in a proceedings volume of the Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics (<http://www.sjes.ch>).

**OVERVIEW:** The special theme of the 2018 Meeting is “**Household Finance**”. Recent financial and economic crises in Europe and the rest of the world have forcefully demonstrated that a better understanding of household finance is crucial for macroeconomic and financial stability as well as public policy and distributional outcomes. In Keynote addresses, invited and contributed sessions the meeting discusses questions around how households make financial decisions, and how they can be helped to make better choices by public and private policies.

Keynote lectures will be given by:

- Annamaria Lusardi (Denit Trust Chair of Economics and Accountancy at the George Washington University School of Business (GWSB))
- Luigi Pistaferri (Professor of Economics at Stanford University)
- Paolo Sodini (Professor of Finance at the Stockholm School of Economics)

In addition, the Swiss National Bank will co-organize three invited sessions on (i) Financial Literacy and Financial Education, (ii) Mortgages and Housing, and (iii) Cash Usage and Payment Behavior.

**PROGRAMME COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Monika Bütler (St. Gallen, Chair), Roland Füss (St. Gallen), Winfried Koeniger (St. Gallen), Lucas Bretschger (ETHZ), Adrian Bruhin (Lausanne), Margaret Davenport (Lausanne), Helga Fehr-Duda (Zürich), David Hémous (Zürich), Patrick Gagliardini (Svizzera Italiana), Alia Gizatulina (St. Gallen), Charles Gottlieb (St. Gallen), Martin Hoesli (Genève), Martin Huber (Fribourg), Monika Mrazowa (Genève), Steven Ongena (Zürich), Dominic Rohner (Lausanne), Catherine Roux (Basel), Nic Schaub (St. Gallen), Lukas D. Schmid (Luzern), Pascal St-Amour (Lausanne), Maximilian von Ehrlich (Bern)

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For more information, visit the Society’s website: <http://www.sgvs.ch>

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We look forward to welcoming you to St. Gallen in the summer of 2018!

Martin, Monika, Roland and Winfried