

Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics

# ANNUAL CONGRESS 2017

**Economists and Policy Making**

**Lausanne, IDHEAP and HEC, June 8 - 9, 2017**

**Keynote speakers:**

Prof. Marlon Fourcade,

University of California at Berkeley

Prof. James Robinson, University of Chicago

Prof. Aymo Brunetti, University of Bern

••• **Local organizers**

••• **at the University of Lausanne:**

••• Prof. Laure Athias, IDHEAP

••• Prof. Marius Brühlhart, HEC

••• Prof. Nils Soguel, IDHEAP



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# Venue – Welcome to the IDHEAP

- ▶ Swiss graduate school of public administration
- ▶ *Institut de hautes études en administration publique*
- ▶ Founded in 1981  
as the counterpart of the IMD  
for the public sector
- ▶ Since 2014  
integrated in the  
University of Lausanne



# Conference special theme

**Professional and academic economists have been criticized after recent failures to predict and prevent financial crises and given the seeming incapacity of economic policies to revive stagnant economies and boost middle-class incomes.**

**In part this criticism reflects the considerable influence wielded by economists working for government agencies, central banks or academic institutions and providing advice to policy makers.**

# Conference special theme

**This raises some urgent questions:**

**What should be the role of economists in our societies?**

**Are there differences among countries and for what reasons?**

**How do economists interact with policy makers?**

**How influential are economists really?**

**How should good economists deal with politics?**

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# Keynote speakers

## Marion Fourcade

UC Berkley

Department of Sociology



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Harris School of Public Policy



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# Dedicated parallel sessions on Friday

in memory of...

## Gebhard Kirchgässner

### 1948 - 2017

SSES President 2008 - 2011



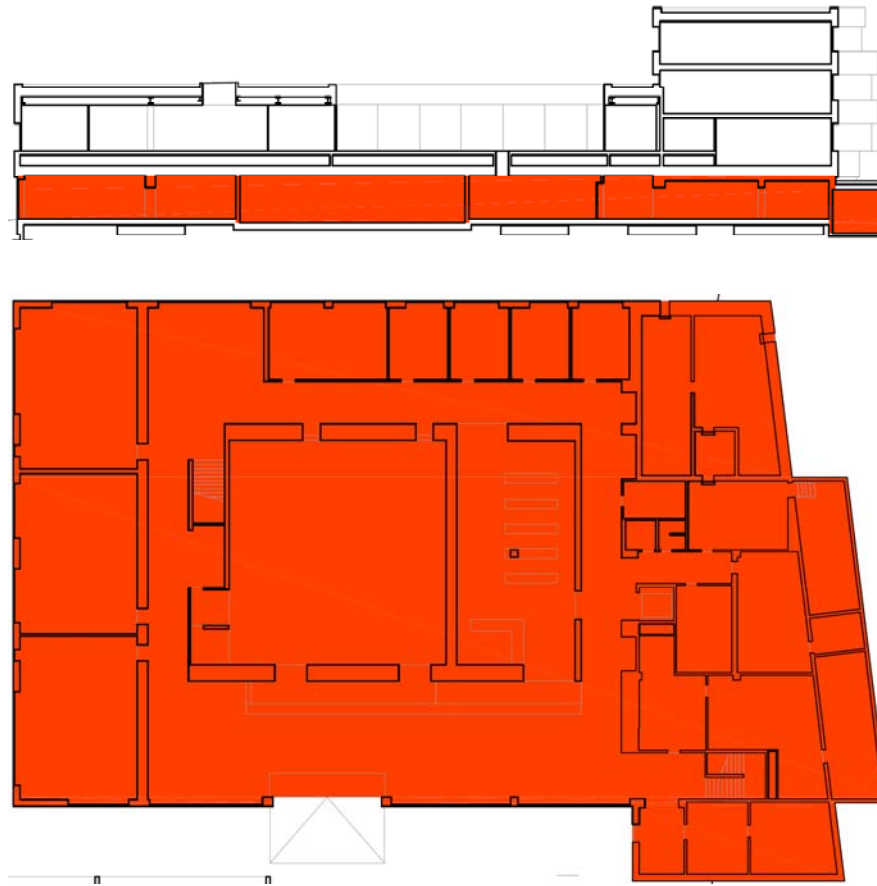
# Thursday Program

08:30 - 09:30	Lobby	Registration and coffee
09:30 - 11:00	Side rooms	Parallel Session I
11:15 - 11:30	Plenary	Welcome address: Martial Pasquier, Unil Vice-Rector
11:30 - 12:30	Aula	Keynote speech: Marion Fourcade
12:30 - 14:00	Geopolis	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Side rooms	Parallel Session II
15:30 - 16:00	Lobby	Coffee break
16:00 - 16:10	Plenary	News from the SSES Journal: Cédric Tille
16:10 - 17:10	Aula	Keynote speech: James Robinson
17:10 - 17:30		General Assembly
18:00 - 19:30	Olympic	Visit of the Museum
18:45 - 19:30	Museum	Aperitif at the Museum
19:30 - 22:30		Dinner at the Museum

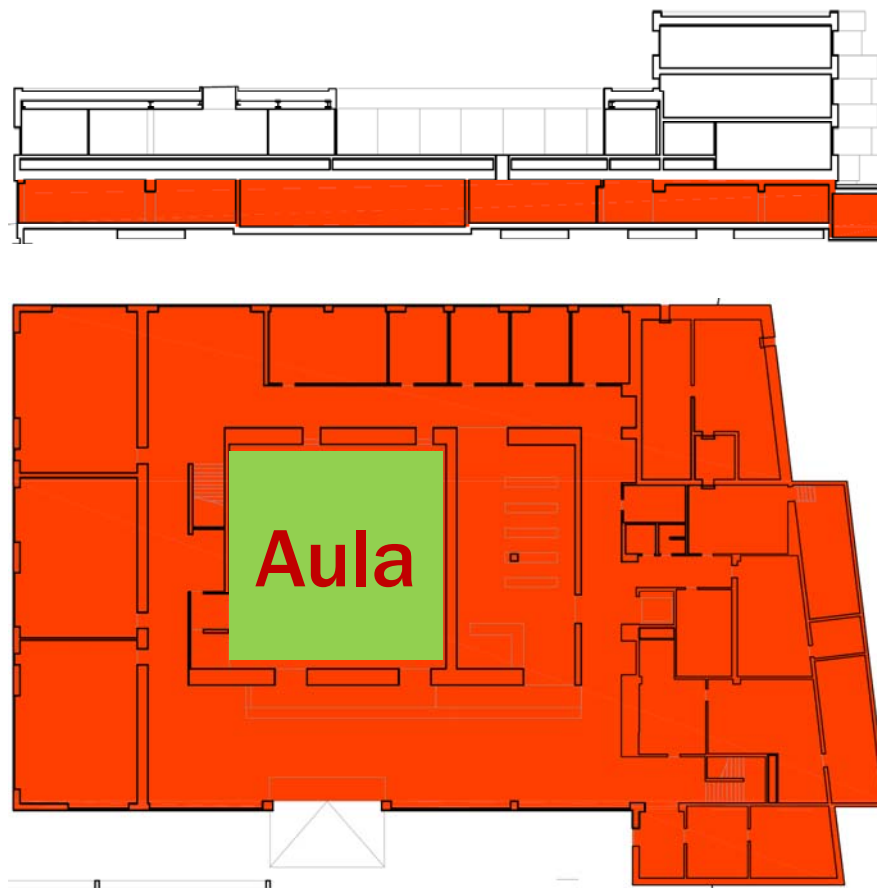
# Friday Program

08:30 - 10:00	Side rooms	Parallel Session III
10:00 - 10:30	Lobby	Coffee break
10:30 - 11:30	Plenary	Keynote speech: Aymo Brunetti
11:30 - 11:45		Transition to the next parallel session
11:45 - 13:15	Side rooms	Parallel Session IV
13:15 - 14.15	Geopolis	Lunch
14.15 - 15.45	Side rooms	Parallel Session V
15.45 -	Lobby	Farewell drink

# Most of the sessions on one floor

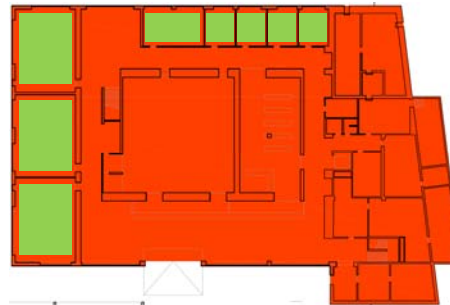


# Plenary sessions in the Aula

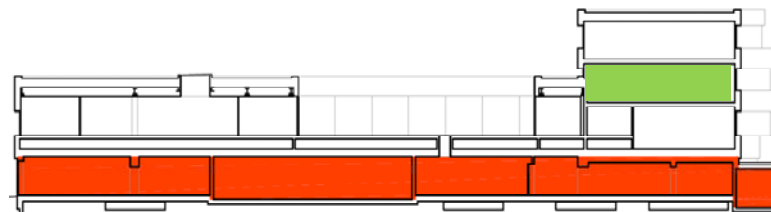


# Parallel sessions

- ▶ In the side rooms  
on the ground floor



- ▶ or in Room 201  
on the second floor

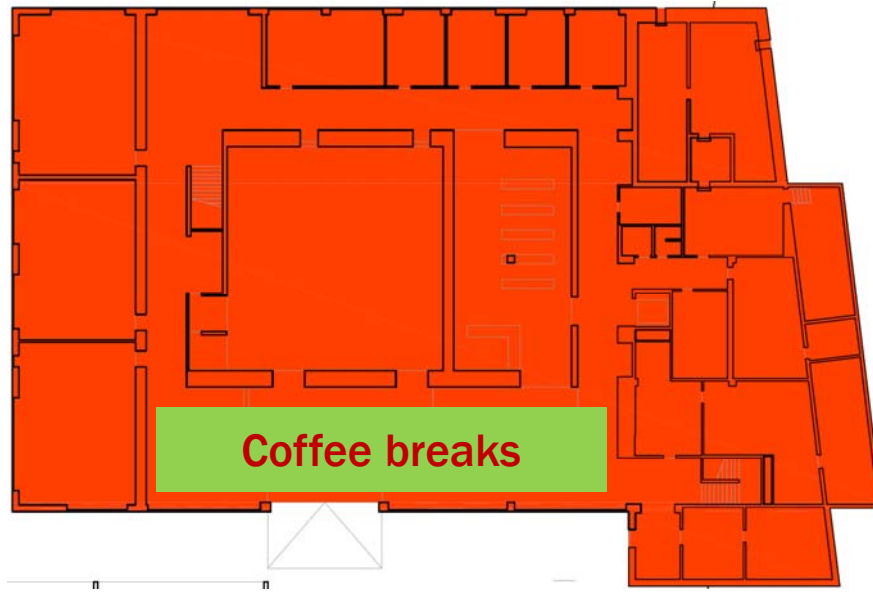


# Timing of the parallel sessions

- ▶ The conference venue being compact, attendees need not commit to sitting through entire sessions but should feel free to move (quietly) between presentation rooms at each 30-minute changeover time
  - ▶ Each session : 1.5 hours
  - ▶ As a rule, 3 contributed papers per session
  - ▶ 30' each (20 - 25' for presentation / 10' – 5' for discussion)
  - ▶ Papers to be presented according to the programme sequence
  - ▶ Session chaired by the latest presenting person to ensure a fair allocation of time
  - ▶ In case a paper is cancelled, the session is suspended for a break (30')
  - ▶ This will allow those who want to change the parallel session to hear a specific paper to join in due course

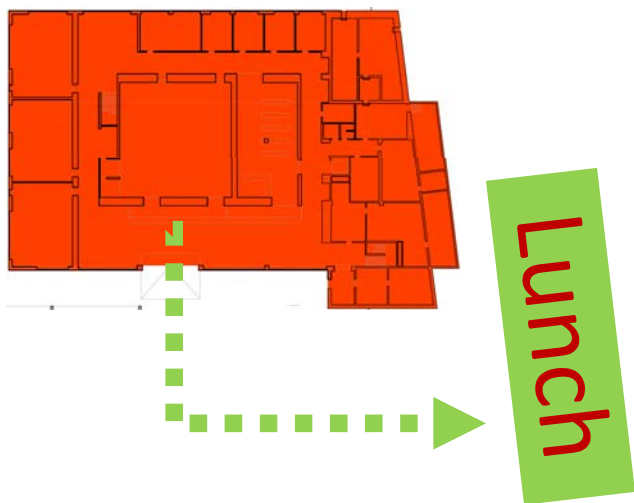
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# Coffee breaks in the lobby



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# Lunch – Geopolis canteen Opposite IDHEAP



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# Social evening Olympic Museum

- ▶ Close to Lausanne city centre  
and to most attendees' hotels
- ▶ Free visit of the museum 18:00 - 19:30
- ▶ Aperitif 18:45 - 19:30
- ▶ Dinner [Coubertin club] 19:30 - 22:30



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# The local organizing committee wishes you a pleasant congress

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