

Tuesday, 2nd June 2015

09:30 - 10:30 Arrival, Registration and Welcome Coffee

10:30 Opening / Welcome Speech

10:40 - 11:40 Plenary Session

11:40 - 12:15 Address by R. Lalive, Editor of SSES Journal, followed by General Assembly

12:15 - 13:30 Lunch

WWZ, Foyer  
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La Pausa / Hofgeschoss

Parallel Sessions:

**Session A1**

**room no. S13**

**TITLE: Pension**

**Chair: Díaz Saavedra Julián**

Title	Presenter	University
New figures on unfunded public pension entitlements across Europe: concept, results and applications <b>WITHDRAWN</b>	Müller Christoph	
Pension Reform in Norway - A European Perspective	Laub Nathalie	University of Freiburg, Germany
The Future of Spanish Pensions	Díaz Saavedra Julián	University of Granada

**Session A2**

**room no. S15**

**TITLE: Monetary**

**Chair: Kaufmann Daniel**

Title	Presenter	University
Business Cycles and Monetary Policy with Productivity Heterogeneity	Schnell Fabian	University of St. Gallen
Anchoring of Consumers' Inflation Expectations: Evidence from Microdata	Lamla Michael	University of Essex
Swiss Trend Inflation and Monetary Regimes from 1805 to 2013	Kaufmann Daniel	KOF Swiss Economic Institute

**Session A3**

**room no. S14**

**TITLE: Public / Political**

**Chair: Benesch Christine**

Title	Presenter	University
Talking Politics in the Information Age: The Effect of the Internet on Political Discussion	Matter Ulrich	WWZ/Universität Basel
Voting with Public Information	Liu Shuo	University of Zurich
Online Information and Voting: The Effects of Smartvote on Election Outcomes	Benesch Christine	University of St. Gallen

**Session A4**

**room no. S08**

**TITLE: Behavioral / Experimental**

**Chair: Bachmann Kremena**

Title	Presenter	University
(Mis-)Predicted Subjective Well-Being Following Life Events	Odermatt Reto	WWZ - Universität Basel
Is There Swissness in Investment Competence?	Bachmann Kremena	University of Zurich
The Ranking Measure of Life Satisfaction: A Constructive Critique <b>WITHDRAWN</b>	Köke Sonja	

**Session A5**

**room no. S01**

**TITLE: Labor**

**Chair: Girsberger Esther Mirjam**

Title	Presenter	University
Regional migration, growth and convergence	Schneider Lutz	University of Applied Sciences Coburg
The Effects of the Free Movement of Persons on the Distribution of Wages in Switzerland	Müller Tobias	Geneva School of Economics and Management / University of Geneva
Migration, Education and Work Opportunities	Girsberger Esther Mirjam	Université de Lausanne

**Session A6**

**room no. S10**

**TITLE: Trade / Environment**

**Chair: Weder Rolf**

Title	Presenter	University
Exporters and Wage Inequality - Evidence from Germany	Winkler Erwin	University of Wuerzburg
Political influence on environmental regulation in open economies	Gerigk Joschka	ETH Zürich
Shark Hunting: International Trade and the Imminent Extinction of Heterogeneous Species	Weder Rolf	University of Basel

**Session A7**

**room no. S16**

**TITLE: Micro / IO**

**Chair: Bartz Wiebke**

Title	Presenter	University
Limited Attention, Competition and Welfare	Hefti Andreas	University of Zurich
Online Copyright Enforcement, Consumer Behavior, and Market Structure	Peukert Christian	University of Zurich
Flexible or fragile? The growth performance of small businesses during the global financial crisis – Evidence from Germany	Bartz Wiebke	Frankfurt School of Finance & Management

**Session A8****TITLE: Macro****room no. S09****Chair: Bannert Matthias**

Title	Presenter	University
Speculation and the US Housing Boom	Towbin Pascal	SNB
Credit cycles and real activity - the Swiss case	Bäurle Gregor	Swiss National Bank
How are firms affected by exchange rate shocks? Evidence from survey based impulse responses	Bannert Matthias	KOF, ETH Zurich

**ATTENTION: Session A9 is cancelled (moved to Session B4)****TITLE: Environmental****room no. S11****Chair: Schlecht Ingmar**

Title	Presenter	University
Self-Enforcing Climate Coalitions and Preferential Free Trade Agreements <b>WITHDRAWN</b>	Kuhn Thomas	
Sustainable Economic Development in Germany and Switzerland, 1850 - 2000 <b>WITHDRAWN</b>	Blum Matthias	
Linking Europe - The Role of the Swiss Electricity Transmission Grid until 2050 <b>MOVED TO SESSION B4</b>	Schlecht Ingmar	University of Basel

**15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break****15:30 - 17:00 Parallel Sessions B****Session B1****TITLE: Pensions****room no. S13****Chair: Monika Büttler**

Title	Presenter	University
Life-time earnings inequality and within-cohort redistribution through Social Security in the U.S.	Brendler Pavel	European University Institute
Effects of Changes in Pensions on the Age of First Benefit Receipt – Regression Discontinuity Evidence from Repatriated Ethnic Germans	Puhani Patrick	Leibniz Universität Hannover
How much do means-tested benefits reduce the demand for annuities?	Monika Büttler	HSG

**Session B2****TITLE: Monetary****room no. S15****Chair: von Suntum Ulrich**

Title	Presenter	University
Mortgage arrears in Europe: The impact of monetary and macroprudential policies	Gerlach Petra	Swiss National Bank
Higher Bank Capital Requirements and Mortgage Pricing: Evidence from the Countercyclical Capital Buffer <b>WITHDRAWN</b>	Basten Christoph	
„Vollgeld“, Public Debt, and the Natural Rate of Interest	van Suntum Ulrich	University of Münster

**Session B3****TITLE: Public****room no. S14****Chair: Fernandes Ana**

Title	Presenter	University
Aid on Demand: African Leaders and the Geography of China's Foreign Assistance	Hodler Roland	University of St.Gallen
Does Female Suffrage Increase Public Support for Government Spending? Evidence from Swiss Ballots	Hofer Katharina	University of St.Gallen
Institutions and the Sectoral Organization of Production	Fernandes Ana	Berner Fachhochschule

**Session B4****TITLE: Macro****room no. S08****Chair: Schlecht Ingmar**

Title	Presenter	University
A Laffer curve of sovereign debt and liquidity	Ristinieni Annukka	Paris School of Economics
What are metal prices like? <b>WITHDRAWN</b>	Rossen Anja	
Real exchange rates and fundamentals: robustness across alternative model specifications	Konrad Adler	Toulouse School of Economics
Linking Europe - The Role of the Swiss Electricity Transmission Grid until 2050 <b>(MOVED FROM SESSION D9)</b>	Schlecht Ingmar	University of Basel

**Session B5****TITLE: Labor****room no. S01****Chair: Kutlu Koc Vesile**

Title	Presenter	University
Evaluating the Impact of Employment Protection on Firm-Provided Training in an RDD Framework	Bolli Thomas	ETH Zurich
Household Search and the Aggregate Labor Market	Mankart Jochen	Deutsche Bundesbank
Does respondent's knowledge on population life expectancy influence the accuracy of subjective survival probabilities?	Kutlu Koc Vesile	Munich Center for the Economics of Aging

**Session B6****TITLE: Trade / Environment****room no. S10****Chair: Lecuyer Oskar**

Title	Presenter	University
Cross-Country Electricity Trade, Renewable Energy and Transmission Infrastructure Policy	Abrell Jan	ETH Zürich
Quota Markets and Technological Change	Felber Giulia	University of Basel
Do we need gas in the transition from coal to renewable energy? The role of adjustment costs	Lecuyer Oskar	University of Bern

**Session B 7****room no. S16****TITLE: Games / Micro****Chair: Thöni Christian**

Title	Presenter	University
Dissolving Partnerships Optimally	Wasser Cédric	University of Bonn
Stable Biases for the Sampling Best Response Dynamics in Games with a unique Mixed Nash Equilibrium	Häfner Samuel	University of Basel
Legal compliance and litigation spending under the English and American rule: Theory and experimental evidence	Thöni Christian	University of Lausanne

**Session B8****room no. S09****TITLE: Public****Chair: Nellen Thomas**

Title	Presenter	University
State fiscal policies and regional economic activity <b>WITHDRAWN</b>	Uhl Matthias	
Parliamentarians' private mandates: evidence from Switzerland	Péclat Martin	University of Neuchâtel
Conferderation debt management since 1970	Nellen Thomas	Swiss National Bank

**Session B9****room no. S11****TITLE: Mixed Topic****Chair: Ruffner Jan**

Title	Presenter	University
What determines access to piped water in rural areas? Evidence from small-scale supply systems in rural Brazil <b>WITHDRAWN</b>	Barde Julia Alexa	
Regional Income Distribution in the European Union: A Parametric Approach	Spasova Tsvetana	University of Basel
From labor to cash flow? The impact of free movement of persons on firm's performance	Jan Ruffner	ETH Zürich, KOF Swiss Economic Institute

**17:00 Welcome Drink****La Pausa / Hofgeschoss****18:30 Conference Dinner****Werk 8**

Wednesday, 3rd June 2015

07:30 Welcome Coffee

WWZ Foyer

## 08:00 - 09:30 Parallel Sessions C

Session C1

TITLE: Pensions

room no. S13

Chair: Lalive Rafael

Title	Presenter	University
Decreasing Fertility vs Increasing Longevity: Raising the Retirement Age in the Context of Ageing Processes	Tyrowicz Joanna	National Bank of Poland
Increasing Life Expectancy and Pay-As-You-Go Pension Systems	Knell Markus	Oesterreichische Nationalbank
How Does Raising Women's Full Retirement Age Affect Labor Supply, Income, and Mortality? Evidence from Switzerland	Lalive Rafael	Université de Lausanne

Session C2

TITLE: Monetary

room no. S15

Chair: Moessner Richhild

Title	Presenter	University
Exchange Rate Asymmetry and the Swiss Franc Safety Premium	Leutert Jessica	University of Lausanne
Explaining structural changes towards and within the financial sector	Studer Sabrina	University of Zurich
International spillovers from US forward guidance to equity markets	Moessner Richhild	Bank for International Settlements

Session C3

TITLE: Public

room no. S14

Chair: Slotwinski Michaela

Title	Presenter	University
Introducing an IP-Licence Box in Switzerland: Quantifying the Effects	Chatagny Florian	ETH Zürich, KOF Konjunkturforschungsstelle
Corporate Taxes and Strategic Patent Location within Multinational Firms	Knoll Bodo	Ruhr-Universität Bochum
Behavioral Responses to Local Tax Rates: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from a Foreigners' Tax Scheme in Switzerland	Slotwinski Michaela	University Basel

Session C4

TITLE: Behavioral / Experimental

room no. S 08

Chair: Stutzer Alois

Title	Presenter	University
Crawling Up the Cash Cliff? Behavioral Responses to a Disability Insurance Reform	Eugster Beatrix	University of St. Gallen
Are immigrants a burden on primary schools? Evidence from England	Waqas Muhammad	
The deterrent effect of voting against minarets: Identity utility and foreigners' location choice	Stutzer Alois	Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Basel

Session C5

TITLE: Labor

room no. S01

Chair: Siegenthaler Michael

Title	Presenter	University
Does Public Education Expansion Lead to Trickle-Down Growth?	Böhm Sebastian	Universität Fribourg
Language Proficiency and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Two Natural Experiments in Switzerland	Schmid Lukas	SIAW-HSG
The Skill-Biased Effects of Exchange Rate Fluctuations	Siegenthaler Michael	ETH Zürich, KOF Swiss Economic Institute

Session C6

TITLE: Trade / Environment

room no. S10

Chair: Guin Benjamin

Title	Presenter	University
The Biological Standard of Living in Zurich during WWI	Floris Joël	University of Zurich, Department of Economics, Economic History Chair
Culture and Household Saving	Guin Benjamin	Universität St.Gallen

Session C7

TITLE: Games / Micro

room no. S16

Chair: Zhao Yingnan

Title	Presenter	University
Payment Evasion	Buehler Stefan	University of St. Gallen
Firms, Consumers and Policies: Competing Through Information Production	Cottier Lionel	University of Lausanne
Bank Lending and Firm Dynamics in General Equilibrium	Zhao Yingnan	University of Zurich, Department of Economics

**Session C8****TITLE: Macro****room no. S09****Chair: Sturm Jan-Egbert**

Title	Presenter	University
An empirical analysis of growth and convergence in South–South integration areas	Sperlich Yvonne	Université de Genève
The relationship between inequality and GDP growth: an empirical approach	Naguib Costanza	Università della Svizzera Italiana
Income Inequality, Capitalism and Ethno-Linguistic Fractionalization	Sturm Jan-Egbert	KOF Swiss Economic Institute

**Session C9****TITLE: Public / Taxation****room no. S11****Chair: Roller Marcus**

Title	Presenter	University
Decentralization and Progressive Taxation	Berset Simon	Université de Fribourg
Is Highway Access Good for your Tax Base?	Parchet Raphael	Università della Svizzera italiana
Mobility and Progressive Taxation	Roller Marcus	Universität Basel

**09:30 - 10:00 Coffee Break****La Pausa / Hofgeschoss****10:00 - 11:00 Plenary Session****WWZ Auditorium**

Title	Presenter	University
Rational pension policy	Axel Börsch-Supan	Max-Planck Institut für Sozialrecht und Sozialpolitik

**11:00 - 11:30 Break****La Pausa / Hofgeschoss****11:30 - 13:00 Parallel Sessions D****Session D1****TITLE: Pensions****room no. S13****Chair: Bregnard Nadège**

Title	Presenter	University
Reducing growth-dependence of the French pension system: options for reforms	Rabaté Simon	Paris School of Economics
Multiple Risks and the Magnification of Social Security's Welfare Benefits	Harenberg Daniel	ETH Zürich
Pension fund governance: The determinants of board of trustees effectiveness of Swiss pension funds	Bregnard Nadège	University of Neuchatel

**Session D2****TITLE: Monetary****room no. S15****Chair: Fischer Andreas**

Title	Presenter	University
Frictions in the interbank market: Evidence from volumes	Rösler Cornelia	University of Zurich, Swiss Finance Institute
The Effect of the Central Bank's Standing Facilities on Interbank Lending and Liquidity Holding	Näther Maria	Leipzig University
The impact of international swap lines on stock returns of banks in emerging markets	Fischer Andreas	Swiss National Bank

**Session D3****TITLE: Public****room no. S14****Chair: Hofmann Roland**

Title	Presenter	University
Trust and Public-Private Partnerships	Wicht Pascal	University of Lausanne
Who are the finance ministers who cook the books? An investigation of creative accounting in Swiss cantons	Maxime Clemenceau	University of Lausanne - IDHEAP
Effects of Announced and Realized Mergers of Municipalities: The Case of the Municipality Reform in the Canton of Glarus in Switzerland	Hofmann Roland	ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences

**Session D4****TITLE: Behavioral / Experimental****room no. S 08****Chair: Garcia-Appendini Emilia**

Title	Presenter	University
The Dark Side of the Four-Eyes Principle - Evidence from Bank Lending	Brown Martin	Institut für Banken und Finanzen s/bf-HSG
Idiosyncratic shocks and industry contagion: Evidence from a quasi-experiment	Garcia-Appendini Emilia	University of St Gallen

**Session D5****TITLE: Health****room no. S01****Chair: Meyer Stefan**

Title	Presenter	University
Labor market effects of negative health shocks	Degen Kathrin	Swiss Paraplegic Research
Dispensing Physicians, Asymmetric Information and Supplier-induced Demand: Micro-level Evidence from the Swiss Health Survey	Meyer Stefan	University of Basel, Faculty of Business and Economics
Moving to an earnings-related parental leave system – do heterogeneous effects on parents make some children worse off? (MOVED FROM SESSION D9)	Huber Katrin	University of Passau
The Effects of Family-Friendly Firm Policies on Satisfaction and Working Hours <b>WITHDRAWN</b>	Lauber Verena	

**Session D6****TITLE: History****room no. S10****Chair: Nigai Sergey**

Title	Presenter	University
From Loser to Winner – How Trade Liberalization Can Lead to Leapfrogging Between Countries	Rutzer Christian	Universität Basel
How Deep is Your Love? A Quantitative Spatial Analysis of the Transatlantic Trade Partnership	Krebs Oliver	University of Würzburg
World-Trade Growth Accounting	Nigai Sergey	ETH Zurich, KOF

**Session D7****TITLE: Monetary****room no. S16****Chair: Tille Cedric**

Title	Presenter	University
Are There Differences in the Effectiveness of Quantitative Easing at the Zero-Lower-Bbound in Japan over Time?	Watzka Sebastian	LMU, University of Munich
Micro evidence on demand-side real rigidity and implications for monetary non-neutrality	Lein Sarah	University of Basel
What drives European banks' activities in different currencies?	Tille Cedric	Graduate Institute

**Session D8****TITLE: Macro****room no. S09****Chair: Indergand Ronald**

Title	Presenter	University
Flow-stock imbalances and vulnerability: The case of the European Sovereign Debt Crisis	Puddu Stefano	Université de Neuchâtel
Are Swiss National Accountants Getting it Right?	Indergand Ronald	University of Bern, SECO

**ATTENTION: Session D9 is cancelled (moved to D5)****TITLE: Public / Taxation****room no. S11****Chair: Moczall Andreas**

Title	Presenter	University
The effect of hiring subsidies on regular wages <b>WITHDRAWN</b>	Moczall Andreas	
Moving to an earnings-related parental leave system – do heterogeneous effects on parents make some children worse off? <b>MOVED TO SESSION D5</b>	Huber Katrin	University of Passau

**13:00 Lunch can be picked up in the Foyer****WWZ Foyer**