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Workshop

Political Economy

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Jointly organized workshop by the TU Dresden
and the ifo Institute for Economic Research Branch Dresden

Conference venue:

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Einsteinstrasse 3
01069 Dresden
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Summary program:

Friday, November 30th 2007

13:00 – 18:45 Plenary and working group sessions
20:00 Dinner

Saturday, 1st December 2007

09:00 – 14:30 Plenary and working group sessions
14:30 End of conference

Organizers:

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Program

Friday, November 30th, 2007

- 12:45 – 13:00 **Welcome address**
Helmut Seitz (TU Dresden & ifo Research Professor)
- 13:00 – 13:45 (room 1.5) **The European Commission – Appointment, Preferences, and Institutional Relations**
Stefan Napel (University of Bayreuth)
Discussant: Patricia Wruuck (University Potsdam)
- coffee break*
- 14:00 – 15:30 parallel sessions
- Corruption** (room 1.5) **Political Parties and Rent-seeking through Networks**
Topi Miettinen (Max Planck Institute of Economics Jena)
Discussant: Alexander Kemnitz (TU Dresden)
- The demand for transparency: An empirical note**
Björn Frank (Clausthal University of Technology)
Discussant: M. Reza Farzanegan (TU Dresden)
- Insurance** (room 1.7) **Who is going to save us now? Bureaucrats, Politicians and low-probability-high-loss decisions**
Paul A. Raschky (University of Innsbruck)
Discussant: Daniela Wenzel (University FAF Hamburg)
- Financial market lobbies and pension reform**
Achim Kemmerling (WZB)
Discussant: Niklas Potrafke (Humboldt University Berlin)
- coffee break*
- 16:00 – 17:30 parallel sessions
- Reforms** (room 1.5) **The Inverse Domino Effect: Are Economic Reforms Contagious?**
Martin Gassebner (ETH Zurich, KOF)
Discussant: Bernd Süßmuth (Munich University of Technology)
- Linkage between Political and Economic Reforms in the Post-Communist Countries**
Karsten Staehr (Bank of Estonia)
Discussant: Mathias Firchow (Clausthal University of Technology)
- Elections** (room 1.7) **Strategic Registration of Voters: The Chilean Case**
Giacomo De Luca (University of Namur)
Discussant: Rafael Espinosa (Universidad de Guadalajara)
- Electoral Threshold, Representation, and Parties' Incentives to Form a Bloc**
Andrei Bremzen (New Economic School Moscow)
Discussant: Topi Miettinen (Max Planck Institute of Economics Jena)
- coffee break*
- 18:00 – 18:45 (room 1.5) **Democratic Participation and the Size of Regions: An Empirical Study Using Data on German Counties**
Helmut Seitz (TU Dresden)
Discussant: Giacomo De Luca (University of Namur)
- dinner* **Dinner at Wenzel Prager Bierstuben** (czech/bohemian cuisine)



Saturday, December 1st, 2007

09:00 – 09:45
(room 1.5) **The Political Economy of Regional Integration Projects at Borders where Rich and Poor Meet: The Role of Cross-Border Shopping and Community Sorting**

Kristoph Dascher (European University Viadrina)
Discussant: Georg Hirte (TU Dresden)

09:45 – 10:30
parallel session (room 1.5) **Political Regime and Human Capital** (room 1.5)
Jeroen G. Klomp (University of Groningen)
Discussant: Paul Raschky (University of Innsbruck)

(room 1.7) **A Voting Model with Greedy Politicians** (room 1.7)
Jan Klingelhöfer (Stockholm University)
Discussant: Andrei Bremzen (New Economic School Moscow)

coffee break

11:00 – 12:30
parallel sessions (room 1.5) **Education Federal Governance, Accountability, and Public Production of Education: A Political Economy Perspective**

Bernd Süßmuth (Munich University of Technology)
Discussant: Laura Sabani (University of Florence)

Inequality, redistribution and the allocation of public spending on education: a political-economy approach

Deborah di Giocchino (University of Rome)
Discussant: Markus Tepe (Free University Berlin)

Lobbies (room 1.7) **The Danger of Regulatory Self-Defeat: Special Interest Groups and the 4th best transport pricing**

Bernhard Wieland (TU Dresden)
Discussant: Tim Lohse (Leibnitz University Hanover)

Biased Informative Lobbying: Targets and Timing

Mike Felgenhauer (University of Mannheim)
Discussant: Kristoph Dascher (European University Viadrina)

coffee break

13:00 – 14:30
parallel sessions **Political Business Cycles** (room 1.5) **Political-economic cycles. The case of public education in Germany**

Markus Tepe (Free University Berlin)
Discussant: Gerhard Kempkes (TU Dresden)

The political economy of EDP fiscal forecast: an empirical assessment

Nuno Venes (Technical University of Lisbon)
Discussant: Martin Gassebner (ETH Zurich, KOF)

Coalitions (room 1.7) **The Political Sources of Financial Risk: Lessons from a Consensus Democracy**

Roland Fuess (University of Freiburg)
Discussant: Achim Kemmerling (WZB)

Coalition politics and accountability

Aron Kiss (WZB)
Discussant: Jan Klingelhöfer (Stockholm University)

14:30 **End of conference**

List of Participants

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By car: Leave the Autobahn (A 4) at the exit "Dresden Altstadt" and follow the signs for "Zentrum", "Hauptbahnhof" or "Universität". After crossing the tracks of the Central Railway Station, turn left into Reichenbach Strasse at the second traffic light. At the second junction, turn right into Andreas-Schubert-Strasse and drive up the hill towards Lukas Church. Driving around the church on the right-hand side, you reach Einsteinstrasse. The Institute is on your left, number 3.

Local transportation: Take the bus 72 (direction Coschütz) or 76 (direction Südhöhe) from the Central Railway Station. Get off at the second stop (Technische Universität). For details see the attached map.

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