



**Centre for
Economic
Policy
Research**



European Summer Symposium in Economic Theory Gerzensee, 28 June to 9 July 1999

Final Programme

WEEK 1

Monday 28 June

08.30 - 10.00

Sniffing, Spoofing and Static:

A Theory of Contracting with Imperfect Communication

Patrick Legros (ECARE, Université Libre de Bruxelles and CEPR)

Andrew Newman (Columbia University)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

20.30 - 21.30

Why "Peaches" Must Circulate Longer than "Lemons"

Roman Inderst (Universität Mannheim)

Holger M Müller (Universität Mannheim)

20.30 - 21.30

Mutation and Contagion

In-Ho Lee (University of Southampton)

Tuesday 29 June

08.30 - 12.15

Focus Session on:

Information Processing in Organizations

Session Organizers: Mathias Dewatripont (ECARE, Université Libre de Bruxelles and CEPR)
Tim Van Zandt (INSEAD, Fontainebleau, and Northwestern University)
(presentations to last about 45 minutes each)

Real-Time Hierarchical Resource Allocation

Tim Van Zandt (INSEAD, Fontainebleau, and Northwestern University)

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Mathias Dewatripont (ECARE, Université Libre de Bruxelles and CEPR)

Optimal Decentralization of Information Processing in the Presence of Synergies

Dimitri Vayanos (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

- 20.30 - 21.30 **Principal and Expert Agent**
James M Malcomson (All Souls College, Oxford)
- 20.30 - 21.30 **Incentives and Coordination in Hierarchies**
Dilip Mookherjee (Boston University)
Stefan Reichelstein (Haas School of Business,
University of California, Berkeley)

Wednesday 30 June

- 08.30 - 10.00 **Performance Evaluation and Reputation**
Christopher Avery (John F Kennedy School of Government,
Harvard University)
Margaret A Meyer (Nuffield College, Oxford, and CEPR)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

- 20.30 - 21.30 **Coordinating Changes in M-form and U-form Organizations**
Yingyi Qian (Stanford University and CEPR)
Gérard Roland (ECARE, Université Libre de Bruxelles and CEPR)
Chenggang Xu (London School of Economics and
Center for International Development, Harvard University)
- 20.30 - 21.30 **Resale Price Maintenance and Collusion**
Bruno Jullien (GREMAQ and IDEI, Université des Sciences
Sociales de Toulouse and CEPR)

Thursday 1 July

- 08.30 - 12.15 Focus Session on:
Information Aggregation in Markets

Session Organizers: Glenn Ellison (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Xavier Vives (Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica (CSIC), Barcelona, and CEPR)
(presentations to last about 45 minutes each)

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Glenn Ellison (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

Welfare Analysis of Information Aggregation:
Coordination and Incentives
Xavier Vives (Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica (CSIC), Barcelona, and CEPR)

Buy on Rumors – Sell on News: A Manipulative Trading Strategy
Markus K Brunnermeier (Financial Markets Group, London School of
Economics)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

20.30 - 21.30 **Robust Possibility and Impossibility Results**
Urs Schweizer (Universität Bonn)

20.30 - 21.30 **Mediators and Mechanism Design:
Why Firms Hire Consultants**
Kay Mitusch (Freie Universität Berlin)
Roland Strausz (Freie Universität Berlin)

Friday 2 July

08.30 - 10.00 **The Evolution of Standards and the Economics Publishing Process**
Glenn Ellison (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

WEEK 2

Monday 5 July

08.30 - 10.00 **Voting in Organizations and Endogenous Hysteresis**
Kevin Roberts (Nuffield College, Oxford)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

20.30 - 21.30 **The Ambiguous Effect of Rankings:
Strategically Biased Forecasting by Advisors**
Daniel Probst (Universität Mannheim)

20.30 - 21.30 **Renegotiation before Contract Execution**
Achim Wambach (Universität München and CEPR)

Tuesday 6 July

08.30 - 10.00 **tba**

20.30 After Dinner Panel Discussion on:
Social Security Reform

Speakers: Anthony Atkinson (Nuffield College, Oxford, and CEPR)
Monika Büttler (CentER, Tilburg University and Université de Lausanne)
Peter Diamond (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
James Mirrlees (Trinity College, Cambridge)
Eytan Sheshinski (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Wednesday 7 July

08.30 - 12.15 Focus Session on:
Income Inequality and Redistribution

Session Organizers: Anthony Atkinson (Nuffield College, Oxford, and CEPR)
Peter Diamond (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
(presentations to last about 45 minutes each)

Social Security Investment in Equities I: Linear Case
Peter Diamond (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
John Geanakoplos (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

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Anthony Atkinson (Nuffield College, Oxford, and CEPR)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

20.30 - 21.30 **Trade Policy and Redistribution Under Imperfect Credit Markets**
Andrew Newman (Columbia University)

20.30 - 21.30 **Continuous Partial Information**
Christopher Harris (King's College, Cambridge)

Thursday 8 July

08.30 - 12.15 Focus Session on:
Income Inequality and Social Mobility

Session Organizers: Philippe Aghion (University College London, EBRD, and CEPR)
Abhijit Banerjee (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
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Distributive Politics & the Benefits of Decentralization
Ben Lockwood (University of Warwick and CEPR)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

- 20.30 - 21.30 **Optimal Taxation and Strategic Budget Deficit under Political Uncertainty**
David Martimort (Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour, CATT, GREMAQ and IDEI, Université des Sciences Sociales de Toulouse and CEPR)
- 20.30 - 21.30 **Costly Bargaining and Renegotiation**
Luca Anderlini (St John's College, Cambridge)
Leonardo Felli (London School of Economics)

Friday 9 July

- 08.30 - 10.00 **Using Elasticities to Derive Optimal Income Tax Rates**
Emmanuel Saez (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

- Organizers:
- C Mark Armstrong (Nuffield College, Oxford, and CEPR)
Philippe Bacchetta (Studienzentrum Gerzensee, Université de Lausanne and CEPR)
Patrick Bolton (Princeton University and CEPR)
Luís Cabral (London Business School, Universidade Nova de Lisboa and CEPR)
Margaret A Meyer (Nuffield College, Oxford, and CEPR)
Klaus Schmidt (Universität München and CEPR)
Xavier Vives (Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica (CSIC), Barcelona, and CEPR)