

European Summer Symposium in Economic Theory

Study Center Gerzensee, 2-13 July 2007

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Draft Programme

Week One

Monday 2 July

08:30 – 10:00

European Competition Policy in International Markets

*Marc Ivaldi (DEI, Université des Sciences Sociales and CEPR)
Olivier Bertrand (University of Toulouse)

Evening Parallel Sessions

20:30 - 21:30

Competition for Scarce Resources

*Peter Eso (Northwestern University)
Volker Nocke (University of Oxford and CEPR)
Lucy White (Harvard Business School and CEPR)

20:30 - 21:30

Signalling and Screening: An Experimental Comparison

*Dorothea Kübler (Technical University Berlin)
Wieland Müller (Tilburg University)
Hans-Theo Normann (Royal Holloway, University of London)

Tuesday 3 July

08:30 – 10:00

Optimal Cartel Deterrence Mechanisms: Theory and Experimental Evidence

*Giancarlo Spagnolo (Univesità di Tor Vergata and CEPR)
Sven-Olof Fridolfsson (Research Institute for Industrial Economics (IUI))
Chloë LeCoq (Stockholm School of Economics)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

20:00 - 21:00

Managerial Firms, Organisational Choice and Consumer Welfare

*Andrew Newman (Boston University and CEPR)
Patrick Legros (ECARES, Université Libre de Bruxelles and CEPR)

20:00 – 21:00

The Effects of Banning Below Invoice Prices: An Empirical Investigation

*Thibaud Vergé (CREST-LEI)
Pierre Biscourp (ENSAE and CREST-DR)
Xavier Boutin (INSEE-D3E and CREST-LEI)

Wednesday 4 July



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Chair:

Focus Session: Competition and Antitrust Enforcement

-Volker Nocke (University of Oxford and CEPR)



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Endogenous Cartel Formation and Cartel Pricing Dynamics with Buyer Detection

*Joe Harrington (Johns Hopkins University)

Joe Chen (University of Southern California)

Sequential Merger Review

*Volker Nocke (University of Oxford and CEPR)

Michael Whinston (Northwestern University)

On the Anticompetition Effect of Exclusive Dealing when Entry by Merger is Possible

*Chiara Fumagalli (Università Bocconi and CEPR)

Massimo Motta (European University Institute, Universitat Pompeu Fabra and CEPR)

Lars Persson (Research Institute of Industrial Economics and CEPR).

Evening Parallel Sessions:

20:00 - 21:00

R&D in the Pharmaceutical Industry: A World of Small Innovations

*Juan Jose Ganunza Fernandez (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

Beatriz Dominguez (BBVA)

Gerard Llobet (CEMFI)

20:00 – 21:00

Too Many Bargainers Spoil the Broth

*John Thanasoulis (Oxford University)

David Gill (University of Oxford)

Thursday 5 July

08:30 – 10:00

Information and Human Capital Management

*Ian Jewitt (University of Oxford and CEPR)

Heski Bar Isaac (Stern, NYU)

Clare Leaver (University of Oxford & CEPR)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

20:30 - 21:30

Financial Constraints and the Costs and Benefits of Vertical Integration

*Rocco Macchiavello (University of Oxford)

20:30 - 21:30

Local Supermodularity and Unique Assortative Matching

*Jan Eeckhout (University of Pennsylvania)

Friday 6 July

08:30 – 10:00

Strategic Supply Function Competition with Private Info

*Xavier Vives (IESE Business School and CEPR)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

20:30 - 21:30

Strategic Disclosure of Research Results

*Emeric Henry (London Business School (LBS)

20:30 - 21:30

Resource Allocation and Firm Scope

*Guido Friebel (Université de Toulouse and CEPR)

Michael Raith (University of Rochester)

Week Two

Monday 9 July

08:30 – 10:00 **Majority-efficiency and Competition-Efficiency in a Binary Policy Model**
 *Mattias Polborn (University of Illinois)
 Stefan Krasa (University of Illinois)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

20:30 - 21:30 **Liberal Democracy as an “Aborted” Communist Revolution**
 *Antonio Cabrales (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and CEPR)
 Antoni Calvó –Armengol (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and CEPR)
 Leonard Wantchekon (New York University)

20:30 - 21:30 **On the (Mis-)Use of Information for Public Debate**
 *Andrea Pataconi (Oxford University)

Tuesday 10 July

08:30 – 10:00 **“Personal Influence”: Social Context and Political Competition**
 *Andrea Mattozzi (Caltech)
 Andrea Galeotti (University of Essex)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

20:30 - 21:30 **Social Choice with Uncertain Preferences**
 *Bruno Strulovici (Oxford University)

20:30 - 21:30 **Taxes and Employment Subsidies in Optimal Redistribution Programs**
 *Deszö Szalay (University of Warwick)
 Paul Beaudry (University of British Columbia)
 Chuck Blackorby (University of Warwick)

Wednesday 11 July

08:30 – 11:30 **Focus Session: Theoretical Models of Political Economy**
 Chair: Antonio Merlo (University of Pennsylvania and CEPR)

The Autocrat’s Credibility Problem and Foundations of the Constitutional State
 *Roger Myerson (University of Chicago)

Strategic Voting over Strategic Proposals
 *Hülya K.K Eraslan (University of Pennsylvania)
 Philip Bond (University of Pennsylvania)

Buying Access or Buying Policies?
 *Antonio Merlo (University of Pennsylvania and CEPR)
 Leonardo Felli (LSE and CEPR)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

20:30 - 21:30 **Information. Polarization and Term Length in Democracy**



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*Christian Schulz (University of Copenhagen)



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20:30 - 21:30

Welfare Reducing Polls?

*Yariv Leeat (California Institute of Technology, Caltech)
Jacob Goeree (California Institute of Technology, Caltech)
Julian Romero (California Institute of Technology, Caltech)

Thursday 12 July

08:30 – 10:00

A Theory of Religious Organizations

*Gilat Levy (LSE and CEPR)
Ronny Razin (LSE and CEPR)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

20:30 - 21:30

Do Voters Vote Sincerely?

*Arianna Degan (Université du Québec à Montréal)
Antonio Merlo (University of Pennsylvania and CEPR)

20:30 - 21:30

Duverger Meets Condorcet: Information Aggregation in Three Electoral Systems (NOT READY PAPER)

*Michael Castanheira (ECARES - ULB)
Laurent Bouton (ECARES - ULB)

Friday 13 July

08:30 – 10:00

Testing Storable Votes in Large Elections. The Columbia Students

*Alessandra Casella (Columbia University and CEPR)
Shuky Ehrenberg (Columbia University)
Andrew Gelman (Columbia University)

10:00 – 10.30

Break

Morning Parallel Sessions:

10.30 – 11.30

Information, Institutions and Constitutional Arrangements

*Aabhinav Muthoo (University of Essex)
Ken Shepsle (Harvard University)

10.30 – 11.30

Dynamic Stability and Reform of Political Institutions

*Roger Lagunoff (Georgetown University)
Jinhui Bai (Yale University)

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