



**Fed St. Louis-JEDC-SCG-SNB-UniBern Conference
COVID-19 and the Economy
October 14–15, 2021
Program**

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Thursday, October 14

11.34 Shuttle from Wichtrach railway station

Arrival of participants

12.15 Lunch

Session I, Chair: Tba

14.00 – 15.00

Optimal Management of an Epidemic: Lockdown, Vaccine and Value of Life

Authors: Carlos Garriga, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, **Rody Manuelli** and Siddhartha Sanghi, Washington University in St. Louis

Discussant: Piero Gottardi, University of Essex

15.00 – 16.00

Optimal Age-Based Vaccination and Economic Mitigation Policies for the Second Phase of the Covid-19 Pandemic

Authors: Andy Glover, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Jonathan Heathcote, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, **Dirk Krueger** and José-Víctor Ríos-Rull, University of Pennsylvania

Discussant: Cezar Santos, Bank of Portugal

Coffee Break

16.30 – 17.30

Estimating and Simulating a SIRD Model of COVID-19 for Many Countries, States, and Cities

Authors: **Jesus Fernandez-Villaverde**, University of Pennsylvania, and Charles Jones, Stanford University

Discussant: Abigail Adams-Prassl, Oxford University

17.30 – 18.30

Integrated Epi-Econ Assessment of Vaccination

Authors: Timo Boppart, IIES and University of St. Gallen, Karl Harmenberg, BI Norwegian Business School, **Per Krusell**, IIES, and Jonna Olsson, University of Edinburgh

Discussant: Marina Azzimonti, Stony Brook University

18.30

Cocktails

19.00

Dinner

Friday, October 15

07.30 – 10.00

Breakfast

12.15

Lunch

Session II, Chair: Tba

14.00 – 15.00

The Political Economy of Early Covid-19 Interventions in US States

Authors: **Martín Gonzalez-Eiras**, University of Copenhagen, and Dirk Niepelt, Study Center Gerzensee and University of Bern

Discussant: Sang Yoon (Tim) Lee, Queen Mary University of London

15.15 – 16.15

Covid-19 in Segmented Societies

Authors: Constantino Hevia, Manuel Macera and **Andy Neumeier**, Universidad Torcuato di Tella

Discussant: Sewon Hur, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

16.30 – 17.30

Epidemics in the New Keynesian Model

Authors: Martin Eichenbaum and **Sérgio Rebelo**, Northwestern University, and Mathias Trabandt, Goethe University Frankfurt

Discussant: Leonardo Melosi, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

17.52

Departure of participants

Shuttle to Wichtrach railway station