European Summer Symposium in Economic Theory

Study Center Gerzensee, 2-13 July 2007

The meeting is generously hosted by the Study Center Gerzensee.

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))
Chloé 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
Focus Session: Competition and Antitrust Enforcement

Chair: Volker Nocke (University of Oxford and CEPR)

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)
DavidGill (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 Wantchekonx (New York University)

20:30 - 21:30  On the (Mis-)Use of Information for Public Debate
  *Andrea Patacconi (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
  *Deszô 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
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  
*Aabhinay 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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