European Summer Symposium in Economic Theory

Study Center Gerzensee

Monday 30 June–Friday 11 July 2008

The meeting is generously hosted by the Study Center Gerzensee

Preliminary Programme
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Week One

Monday 30 June

08:30 – 10:00  Network Games with Endogenous Communication
   Antoni Calvo-Armengol
   Joan de Martí Beltran (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)
   *Andrea Prat (London School of Economics and CEPR)

Evening Parallel Sessions

20:30 - 21:30  Monopolistic Screening under Learning by Doing
   *Dennis Gärtner (Universität Zurich)

20:30 - 21:30  Ownership and Control in Differentiated Products Markets
   Heiko Karle (GESS, Universität Mannheim)
   Tobias Klein (Tilburg University)
   *Konrad Stahl (Universität Mannheim and CEPR)

Tuesday 1 July

08:30 – 10:00  Organize to Compete
   *Ricardo Alonso (University of Southern California)
   Wouter Dessein (University of Chicago, GSB and CEPR)
   Niko Matouschek (Northwestern University, Kellogg and CEPR)

Special Session

15:00 – 16:30  Information and Learning in Markets – The Impact of Market Microstructure
   *Xavier Vives (IESE Business School and CEPR)
Evening Parallel Sessions:

20:00 - 21:00  
**Time-Consuming Technology Development: How Imitation and Spillovers affect Competitive Dynamics**  
Gonzalo Pacheco-de-Almeida (New York University)  
*Peter Zemsky (INSEAD and CEPR)

20:00 – 21:00  
**Should Speculators Be Welcomed in Auctions?**  
*Marco Pagnozzi (Università di Napoli)

Wednesday 2 July

08:30 – 11:30  
**Focus Session: Organization and Growth**  
Chair: Luis Garicano (London School of Economics and CEPR)

*Patrick Legros (ECARES and CEPR)  
Andrew F. Newman (Boston University and CEPR)  
Eugenio Proto (University of Warwick)

**Research Cycles**  
Yann Bramoullé (Laval University)  
*Gilles Saint-Paul (Toulouse, IDEI and CEPR)

**Organizing Growth**  
*Luis Garicano (London School of Economics and CEPR)  
Esteban Rossi-Hansberg (Princeton University)

**General Discussion: Organization and Growth**  
Chair: Philippe Aghion (Harvard University and CEPR)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

20:00 - 21:00  
**Reversibility in Dynamic Coordination Problems**  
*Jakub Steiner (University of Edinburgh)  
Eugen Kovac (University of Bonn)

20:00 – 21:00  
**Intermediation and Investment Incentives**  
Paul Belleflamme (CORE, Université Catholique de Louvain)  
*Martin Peitz (Universität Mannheim and CEPR)

Thursday 3 July

08:30 – 10:00  
**The Theory of Assortative Matching Based on Costly Signals**  
*Heidrun Hoppe (University of Hannover and CEPR)  
Benny Modovanu (University of Bonn and CEPR)  
Aner Sela (Ben Gurion University and CEPR)
Evening Parallel Sessions:

20:30 - 21:30  
*Organizational Design and Environmental Volatility*  
Heikki Rantakari (University of Southern California)

20:30 - 21:30  
*Efficient Repeated Implementation*  
Jihong Lee (Birkbeck College, London and Yonsei University)  
*Hamid Sabourian (University of Cambridge and CEPR)*

Friday 4 July

08:30 – 10:00  
*The Organization of Search for Innovations*  
*Tracy Lewis (Fuqua, Duke University)*  
Marco Ottaviani (Northwestern University, Kellogg and CEPR)

10:00 – 10:30  
Break

Morning Parallel Sessions:

10:30 - 11:30  
*R&D Competition and Strategic Trade Restrictions in the Market for Technology*  
*Patrick Herbst (Goethe University Frankfurt)*  
Eric Jahn (Goethe University Frankfurt)

10:30 - 11:30  
*Foundations of Strategic Epidemiology: Recurrent Infection and Treatment*  
Flavio Toxvaerd (University of Cambridge and CEPR)
Week Two

Monday 7 July

08:30 – 10:00  
**Consideration Sets and Competitive Marketing**  
Kfir Eliaz (Brown University and CEPR)  
*Rani Spiegler (University College London and CEPR)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

20:30 - 21:30  
**Preference for Similarity and Information Collection in Groups**  
*Mariagiovanna Baccara (Stern, New York University)  
Leeat Yariv (Caltech)

20:30 - 21:30  
**Dynamic Revenue Maximization with Heterogeneous Objects: A Mechanism Design Approach**  
*Alex Gershkov (University of Bonn)  
Benny Moldovanu (University of Bonn and CEPR)

Tuesday 8 July

08:30 – 10:00  
**Reputation Games with Finite Automata**  
*Andrea Wilson (New York University)  
Mehmet Ekmekci (Kellogg, Northwestern University)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

20:30 - 21:30  
**Consumption Risk-Sharing in Social Networks**  
*Adam Szeidl (University of California - Berkeley)  
Attila Ambrus (Harvard University)  
Markus Mobius (Harvard University)

20:30 - 21:30  
**Negatively Correlated Bandits**  
*Sven Rady (University of Munich and CEPR)  
Nicolas Klein (University of Munich)
Wednesday 9 July

08:30 – 11:30  Focus Session: Contracts and Rationality

Chair: Patrick Bolton (Columbia University and CEPR)

Complexity and Contracts
*Luca Anderlini (Georgetown University)
Leonardo Felli (London School of Economics and CEPR)

Satisficing Contracts
*Patrick Bolton (Columbia University and CEPR)
Antoine Faure-Grimaud (London School of Economics and CEPR)

Loopholes: Social Learning and the Evolution of Contracts
*Andrew F. Newman (Boston University and CEPR)
Philippe Jehiel (PSE, University College London and CEPR)

Incentives for Unaware Agents
*Ernst-Ludwig von Tadden (Universität Mannheim and CEPR)
Xiaojian Zhao (Universität Mannheim)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

20:30 - 21:30  Contractual Enforcement and Strategic Incompleteness
*Roberta Dessi (University of Toulouse and CEPR)

20:30 - 21:30  Contractual and Organizational Structure with Reciprocal Agents
* Florian Englmaier (Universität Muenchen)
Steve Leider (Harvard University)

Thursday 10 July

08:30 – 10:00  Narrow Bracketing and Dominated Choices
Matthew Rabin (University of California – Berkeley)
*Georg Weizsäcker (London School of Economics and CEPR)

Evening Parallel Sessions:

20:30 - 21:30  Overconfidence and Career Concerns in a Dynamic Model with Complete Contracts
*Venkataraman Bhaskar (University College London and CEPR)
Francesco Squintani (University of Essex)

20:30 - 21:30  Gaming and Strategic Ambiguity in Incentive Provision
Florian Ederer (MIT)
Richard Holden (Sloan, MIT)
*Margaret Meyer (Nuffield College, University of Oxford and CEPR)
Friday 11 July

08:30 – 10:00  *Testing Theories with Learnable and Predictive Representations*
*Nabil Al-Najjar (Kellogg, Northwestern University)*
Alvaro Sandroni (University of Pennsylvania)
Rann Smorodinsky (Technion, Haifa)
Jonathan Weinstein (Kellogg, Northwestern University)

10:00 – 10:30  Break

Morning Parallel Sessions:

10.30 – 11.30  *Incomplete Language as an Incentive Device*
*Deszö Szalay (University of Warwick)*
Péter Esö (Kellogg, Northwestern University)

10.30 – 11.30  *Williamson Meets Hart: Opportunism and Incomplete Contracts*
*Pablo Casas-Arce (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)*
Thomas Kittsteiner (London School of Economics)

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