

LOCAL INFORMATION

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Conference Venue

Hotel Einstein St. Gallen Tel: +41 71 227 55 55
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CH-9000 St. Gallen www.einstein.ch

The conference venue is only a short walk from the old town and the train station. The conference room will be equipped with a beamer, flipchart and an overhead projector. Participants also have access to copying facilities.

Conference website

<http://cepr.org/event/3563>
<http://www.fgn.unisg.ch/en/pps+2016>

Conference Sponsors

The conference is sponsored by the Institute of Economics FGN-HSG, University of St. Gallen, WPZ-FGN and CEPR.

Travel Information:

- Arriving by plane: Arrival and departure via Zürich airport. There is a **direct train** from Zürich airport to St. Gallen, departing every 30 minutes. The trip takes one hour (a regular ticket costs CHF 28 each way; you may also pay in EUR or by credit card. For train schedule, see www.sbb.ch).
- Arriving by train: Railway to St. Gallen Main Station. You can reach the conference venue on foot (5-10 minutes; see the map at the end of this document) or by taxi (3 minutes).
- Arriving by car: Address for GPS: Wassergasse 1, 9000 St. Gallen (parking is available in the hotel garage, CHF 30 per day). Driving from Zürich, follow the motorway to Winterthur/St. Gallen, take exit 81 St. Gallen Kreuzbleiche.

Currency, ATM, Banks

A UBS branch with several ATMs is only a short walk down the street from the hotel.
Approximate exchange rates: 1 EUR = 1.1 CHF, 1 \$ = 1 CHF, 1£ = 1.5 CHF

Reimbursement travel and accommodation

Speakers and discussants will be reimbursed according to the [CEPR travel reimbursement guidelines and expense claims rules](#). The cost for accompanying persons will not be covered.

If you have any doubts about the cost of your travel, please contact the organizer. Accommodation will be provided at the Sorell Hotel City Weissenstein and Hotel Einstein, St. Gallen, as described below if a request is received in good time. Participants will be responsible for all other costs incurred during the workshop.

Sorell Hotel City Weissenstein, <http://sorellhotels.com/de/city-weissenstein/stgallen>

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Keynote Lecture on Friday May 20:

It will take place at University of St. Gallen, Library Building, room 09-011. Transportation will be provided.

Meals

On Thursday and Friday, lunch is provided at the Hotel Einstein St. Gallen. On Thursday evening (19.00h), you are invited to the conference dinner in the restaurant "**Zum goldenen Schäfli**" (address: **Metzgergasse 5**; see map) in the old town. Please confirm your participation on the registration form.

Pharmacy

There is a pharmacy located just down the street from the Hotel Einstein St. Gallen (address: Gallus-Apotheke, Oberer Graben 22). Another pharmacy with longer opening hours in the evening is situated at the train station.

Life in St. Gallen

St. Gallen is a city with approx. 75,000 inhabitants in the eastern, German speaking part of Switzerland, close to the Austrian and German borders.



St. Gallen is situated between the Swiss Alps and Lake Constance, nestling in a picturesque landscape. The beginnings of the settlement date back to St Gallus. In 612, he established a hermitage by the River Steinach, which after his death evolved into a place of pilgrimage. In 719, the Alemannic monk Otmar founded a monastery in honor of the monk, Gallus, and

named it St. Gallen. The Abbey District with the cathedral and the Abbey Library – a UNESCO World Heritage Site – can still be visited today.

International fashion metropolis The city's economic boom began during the Reformation with the textile industry. As industrialization progressed, the first embroidery machines were developed in St. Gallen. At the beginning of the 20th century, St. Gallen experienced the high period of embroidery and became an international fashion metropolis. The founding of the University of St. Gallen in 1898 as a trade academy occurred during this time. In 1910, 50% of the world's production of embroidered goods came from St. Gallen. Textiles for haute couture are still produced in St. Gallen and distributed throughout the world.

Traditional and modern The narrow streets of the old town provide an excellent place to linger, with numerous shops, restaurants and cafes. The modern city of St. Gallen also has rich cultural offerings, with theatres, museums and concert halls. St. Gallen has an excellent infrastructure with good connections to the Swiss railway network and is located only an hour from Zurich airport.

For cultural events, shops opening hours, restaurants, see: St. Gallen - Bodensee Tourismus: Bahnhofplatz 1a 9001 St. Gallen Tel. +41 71 227 3737, Fax +41 71 227 3767, Email: info@st.gallen-bodensee.ch, www.st.gallen-bodensee.ch/de/english

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