

# Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (CURE)

Venue: University of Basel

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## Programme

### Morning, Friday, 25 September

08:30–09:00	Coffee and Registration
09:00–09:10	<i>Welcome Address</i> by <b>Sébastien Kraenzlin</b> , Swiss National Bank
09:10–10:20	<p><i>The Impact of Public Employment: Evidence from Bonn</i> <b>Stephan Heblich</b>, University of Bristol (with Sascha Becker and Daniel Sturm)</p> <p>Discussants: <b>Henry Overman</b>, London School of Economics and CEPR and <b>David Albouy</b>, University of Illinois</p>
10:20–10:25	Short break
10:25–11:35	<p><i>Is Highway Access Good for your Tax Base?</i> <b>Raphaël Parchet</b>, Università della Svizzera Italiana (with Stephan Fretz)</p> <p>Discussants: <b>Elisabet Viladecans</b>, Universitat de Barcelona and <b>Pierre Philippe Combes</b>, GREQAM and CEPR</p>
11:35–11:50	Coffee break
11:50–13:00	<p><i>Spatial Competition, Innovation and Institutions: The Industrial Revolution and the Great Divergence</i> <b>Klaus Desmet</b>, Southern Methodist University and CEPR (with Avner Greif and Stephen Parente)</p> <p>Discussants: <b>Ferdinand Rauch</b>, University of Oxford and CEPR and <b>Jens Südekum</b>, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf and CEPR</p>
13:00–14:30	Lunch

## Afternoon, Friday, 25 September

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| 14:30–15:40 | <p><i>Commuting, Migration and Local Employment Elasticities</i><br/> <b>Ferdinando Monte</b>, Georgetown University<br/>         (with Stephen Redding and Esteban Rossi–Hansberg)</p> <p>Discussants: <b>Joan Monras</b>, Sciences Po and <b>Matt Turner</b>, Brown University</p>                                 |
| 15:40–16:05 | <p>Coffee break</p>  |
| 16:05–17:15 | <p><i>Equilibrium Commuting</i><br/> <b>Takatoshi Tabuchi</b>, University of Tokyo<br/>         (with Marcus Berliant)</p> <p>Discussants: <b>Giordano Mion</b>, University of Surrey and CEPR and <b>Kristian Behrens</b>, University of Quebec, Montreal and CEPR</p>  |
| 17:15–17:20 | <p>Short break</p>   |
| 17:20–18:30 | <p><i>Political Centralization and Government Accountability</i><br/> <b>Giacomo Ponzetto</b>, CREI – Universitat Pompeu Fabra and CEPR<br/>         (with Federico Boffa and Amedeo Piolatto)</p> <p>Discussants: <b>Yasusada Murata</b>, Nihon University and <b>Remi Jedwab</b>, George Washington University</p> |
| 19:15       | <p>Dinner</p>  |

## Morning, Saturday, 26 September

- 09:00–10:10 | *Transport Infrastructure, Urban Growth and Market Access in China*  
**J Vernon Henderson**, London School of Economics  
(with Nathaniel Baum-Snow, Loren Brandt, Matt Turner and Qinghua Zhang)  
  
Discussants: **Daniel Sturm**, London School of Economics and CEPR  
and **Gerald Carlino**, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
- 10:10–10:15 | Short Break
- 10:15–11:25 | *Regulating vacancies away? The paradoxical effects of mismatch in the housing market*  
**Christian Hilber**, London School of Economics  
(with Paul Cheshire and Hans R.A. Koster)  
  
Discussants: **Stuart Rosenthal**, Syracuse University and **Jeremiah Dittmar**, London School of Economics
- 11:25–11:50 | Coffee Break
- 11:50–13:00 | *The Production Function for Housing: Evidence from France*  
**Laurent Gobillon**, Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques (INED) and CEPR  
(with Pierre-Philippe Combes and Gilles Duranton)  
  
Discussants **Felipe Carozzi**, London School of Economics and **Nathaniel Baum-Snow**, Brown University
- 13:00–14:30 | Lunch

**Note:** Presenters have 45 min to present their paper. A total of 15 min are allocated to the two discussants and 10 min for general discussion.