

European Summer Symposium in Financial Markets (ESSFM)

Study Center Gerzensee, 13 - 24 July 2015

**The meeting is generously hosted by the
Study Center Gerzensee (Foundation of the Swiss National Bank)**

Local Information

Venue

Study Center Gerzensee
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Arrival

ESSFM commences on Monday 13 July and ends on Friday 24 July. Participants attending Week 1 should arrive on Sunday 12 July and depart on Friday 17 July. For participants attending Week 2, you should arrive on Sunday 19 July and depart on Friday 24 July. If you are attending both weeks, please arrive on Sunday 12 July and depart on Friday 24 July (however arrangements over the weekends – Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon – will be charged to the participants, please see page 2 and 3).

AudioVisual Equipment and Services

WLAN is available in the hotel area free of charge.

The public PC-Corner (4 stations) is accessible 24 hours. Windows 7 and a printer are available for participants' use.

Please note that bulk photocopying is not available at the Study Center.

Travel to the Study Center

Airports

Zurich is the most convenient international airport, but **Geneva** is a possible alternative. On arrival, you should take a train to *Berne train station*, from where you are advised to take the bus provided by the local organizers. Train timetables from both Zurich and Geneva to Berne are available on the Study Center website.

Berne airport is closer to Gerzensee, although only a limited number of destinations have direct flights to this airport. Participants arriving at Berne should note that the flight touches down just outside Berne in a small town called *Belp*.

Transport provided by local organizers

Buses will be provided from Berne train station to the Study Center on **Sunday 12 July** and **Sunday 19 July** at **20.00**. You should assemble at the **Meeting Point**, which is well signposted in the main hall of the train station, where you will be met by the minibus driver (mobile number: **+41 (0)79 651 7070**). Every Friday we have also one or two bus transfers to Berne (one when the program is finished, 12.00, and the second after lunch, 13.30) and various to Wichtrach. Please let us know which bus you intend to take.

Local Transport

If it is not possible to arrive or depart on the dates specified it is advisable to catch a train from Berne station to Wichtrach (takes approx. 20 minutes). There is a shuttle bus service from Wichtrach station to Gerzensee (takes only 5 minutes) between 07.00 and 17.00 (Mo – Fr). Please call the reception in advance to announce your arrival time (+41 31 780 33 00). Bus and train timetables are available on the Study Center website.

Train ticket from Zurich/Geneva airport to Berne:	CHF 52.–	(one way ticket, second class)
Train ticket from Zurich/Geneva airport to Gerzensee:	CHF 63.–	(one way ticket, second class)
Taxi from Berne to Gerzensee:	about CHF 95.–	(no taxi available in Wichtrach)
Taxi from Belp to Gerzensee	about CHF 60.–	

It is recommended to change some money for not every taxi company will accept credit cards.

Travel by car - from Berne on A6

Take exit Rubigen (around 10 km from Berne), turn left direction Münsingen, Wichtrach. In Wichtrach (around 5 km from the exit) turn right and follow the signs marked Gerzensee. You will pass over a bridge. Go up the hill. We are located right out on the main street, in the center of Gerzensee (at around 4 km from Wichtrach). It takes around half an hour by car from Berne to Gerzensee. Enough parking space is available at the Study Center.

Accommodation

Participants will live in the Study Center's hotel (Seminarhotel Gerzensee) which is located adjacent to the conference center and also includes dining facilities. Children aged 3 and under can be accommodated in cots in their parents' rooms. Please note that only a limited number of cots are available. None of the rooms have interconnecting doors; children of 4 and over will therefore be given their own separate rooms. Childcare facilities are not provided at the Study Center.

Arrangements over the weekends

Participants cover the bills for hotel and restaurant services consumed **over the weekends (Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon)**, according to the price list 2015 and upon credit card. Participants should directly contact the Reception (Seminarhotel Gerzensee, SV-Service, <http://www.seminarhotelgerzensee.ch/en/home.html>, info@seminarhotelgerzensee.ch, Tel: +41 31 780 33 00) for the booking.

Check-in / Check-out Times

Check-in times

Monday - Friday	06.30 - 22.00
Saturday	16.30 - 19.30
Sunday	15.00 - 22.00

If you are arriving outside of these times please call the reception (+41 31 780 33 00).

Check-out times

Friday - Saturday	07.00 - 10.00
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Reception

Monday - Friday	06.30 - 22.00
Saturday	07.00 - 17.00
Sunday	09.00 - 22.00

Cafeteria / Restaurant

Monday - Friday	08.00 - 23.00
Saturday/Sunday	08.00 - 23.00

Accompanying persons have to pay for their meals, upon receipt, in the restaurant and cafeteria.

For lunch and dinner there are two menus, one of which is vegetarian. They will be posted daily on a board in the entrance hall. Water and coffee will be served with lunch and dinner. Wine and other beverages can be supplied, at your own expense.

Arrangements for meals on Sunday before the conference, lunch and dinner on Saturday after the conference are the responsibility of individual participants.

It is assumed that all participants will be present for all meals. If you plan to miss lunch or dinner, you should inform the receptionist as early as possible. For accompanying families, you will be asked to state your meal requirements, and charged on the basis of your statement if you fail to cancel.

Special dietary requests can be accommodated **if requested in advance** (unfortunately we cannot provide genuine Kosher food).

Meal Times**Sunday, 12 July**

Welcome Buffet	19.00 – 22.00
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Monday, 13 July – Thursday, 16 July

Breakfast	07.00 – 09.00
Coffee Break	10.30 – 11.00
Lunch	12.30
Coffee Break	14.30 – 16.30
Dinner	19.00

Friday, 17 July

Breakfast	07.00 – 09.00
Coffee Break	10.30 – 11.00
Lunch	12.15
Coffee Break	14.30 – 16.30

Saturday, 18 July

Breakfast	07.00 – 09.00
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Sunday, 19 July

Breakfast	08.00 – 10.00
Dinner	19.00 – 22.00

Monday, 20 July – Thursday, 23 July

Breakfast	07.00 – 09.00
Coffee Break	10.30 – 11.00
Lunch	12.30
Coffee Break	14.30 – 16.30
Dinner	19.00

Friday, 24 July

Breakfast	07.00 – 09.00
Coffee Break	10.30 – 11.00
Lunch	12.15
Coffee Break	14.30 – 16.30

Recreational facilities

For leisure, the following are available: library, reading room; TV, fitness room, billiards, bicycles, tennis and, basketball on the outdoor artificial turf, football and other games on the large athletic field. There is also one grocery store in the village.

Settlement of Accounts

Before leaving the Study Center, participants must settle accounts for their stay over the weekends (Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon) at the Study Center Gerzensee, telephone calls, drinks and/or any other incidental expenses for themselves, as well as for the accommodation of accompanying spouses and children (see price list 2015). The hotel will accept cash, and major credit cards. If paying by credit card, please check directly with the Reception to ensure that your credit card is accepted.

Useful Websites

www.szgerzensee.ch - www.seminarhotelgerzensee.ch/en/seminar.html - www.sbb.ch/en/index.htm

Location Map

