

European Summer Symposium in Economic Theory (ESSET)

Study Center Gerzensee, 2 – 13 July 2012

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

Local Information

Venue

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Arrival

ESSET commences on Monday 2 July and ends on Friday 13 July. Participants attending Week 1 should arrive on Sunday 1 July and depart on Friday 6 July. For participants attending Week 2, you should arrive on Sunday 8 July and depart on Friday 13 July. If you are attending both weeks, please arrive on Sunday 1 July and depart on Friday 13 July (please see also page 2 – additional nights)

AudioVisual Equipment and Services

WLAN is available in the hotel area free of charge.

The PC-Lab is open 24 hours. Windows XP Network with 32 PCs as well as HP LaserJet 4350 will be available for participants' use. All PCs have internet access and PCs are equipped with a CD-RW/DVD Combo Drive. The software includes: MS Office 2003, Internet Explorer 7, Firefox, EViews 6.0, Matlab R2006a, MiKTeX and XEmacs. Scientific Workplace 5.0 is available on request.

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 1 July** and **Sunday 8 July** at **19.00**. 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. Every Friday we have also one or two bus transfers to Berne (one when the program is finished and the second after lunch) 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 7.00 and 17.00. 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.–	

Travel by car

For those who wish to bring cars, ample parking space is available.

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.

Additional nights

Participants who would like to spend extra nights at the Study Center should **directly contact the Reception** (Seminarhotel Gerzensee +41 31 780 33 00) for the booking. **These additional nights will be charged to the participants (upon credit card and according to the price list 2012).**

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 must 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.

Location Map