

European Summer Symposium in Economic Theory

Study Center Gerzensee

Monday 30 June–Friday 11 July 2008

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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)
- Smithian Growth through Creative Organization***
*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 Eső (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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