

Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (CURE)

Venue: University of Basel

Organisers: Marius Brühlhart (University of Lausanne and CEPR) Diego Puga (CEMFI and CEPR) Frédéric Robert-Nicoud (Université de Genève and CEPR) and Kurt Schmidheiny (Universität Basel and CEPR)

Programme

Morning, Friday, 25 September

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

Afternoon, Friday, 25 September

- 14:30–15:40 | *Commuting, Migration and Local Employment Elasticities*
Ferdinando Monte, Georgetown University
(with Stephen Redding and Esteban Rossi-Hansberg)

Discussants: **Joan Monras**, Sciences Po and **Matt Turner**, Brown University
- 15:40–16:05 | Coffee break
- 16:05–17:15 | *Equilibrium Commuting*
Takatoshi Tabuchi, University of Tokyo
(with Marcus Berliant)

Discussants: **Giordano Mion**, University of Surrey and CEPR and **Kristian Behrens**, University of Quebec, Montreal and CEPR
- 17:15–17:20 | Short break
- 17:20–18:30 | *Political Centralization and Government Accountability*
Giacomo Ponzetto, CREI – Universitat Pompeu Fabra and CEPR
(with Federico Boffa and Amedeo Piolatto)

Discussants: **Yasusada Murata**, Nihon University and **Remi Jedwab**, George Washington University
- 19:15 | Dinner

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.