

# Workshop on Geodata and Economics

Braunschweig, May 17-18, 2018

Conference Venue: TU Braunschweig, Haus der Wissenschaft

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## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Thursday, May 17, 2018

09:50 – 10:00	<b>Welcome Address</b>
10:00 – 11:30	<b>Session 1 – Methods &amp; Inference Using Geospatial Data</b>
11:30 – 11:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:45 – 13:15	<b>Session 2 – Administrative Border Reforms</b>
13:15 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Session 3 - Deforestation</b>
15:30 – 15:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15:45 – 17:15	<b>Session 4 – Locating Economic Activity in Developing Countries</b>
17:15 – 17:45	<b>Wine and Beer Break</b>
17:45 – 19:15	<b>Session 5 – Trade Costs &amp; Infrastructure</b>
20:00	<b>Come Together and Dinner</b>

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## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Friday, May 18, 2018

09:00 – 10:30	<b>Session 6 – Ethnicity &amp; Development</b>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:45 – 12:15	<b>Session 7 – Natural Disasters &amp; Weather</b>
12:15 – 12:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
12:30 – 13:45	<b>Keynote</b>
13:45 – 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30 – 16:00	<b>Session 8 – Health &amp; Development</b>
16:00	<b>Close of Conference</b>

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Thursday, May 17, 2018

09:50 – 10:00

**Welcome Address**

10:00 – 11:30  
**Session 1**

***Methods & Inference Using Geospatial Data***

**Inference with Arbitrary Clustering**

*Fabrizio Colella, Rafael Lalive, Seyhun Orcan Sakalli and Mathias Thoenig*

**Top Lights**

*Richard Bluhm and Melanie Krause*

11:30 – 11:45

**Coffee Break**

11:45 – 13:15  
**Session 2**

***Administrative Border Reforms***

**Local Border Reforms and Economic Activity**

*Peter H. Egger, Marko Koethenbueger and Gabriel Loumeau*

**Subnational Border Changes and Economic Development in Africa**

*Thushyanthan Baskaran and Sebastian Blesse*

13:15 – 14:00

**Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30  
**Session 3**

***Deforestation***

**Community-driven Deforestation? Experimental Evidence from a Rural Development Program in West Africa**

*Simon Heß, Dany Jaimovich and Matthias Schündeln*

**Protection and Profit: Spill-over Effects of Governmental and Market-based Forest Policies**

*Julika Herzberg*

15:30 – 15:45

**Coffee Break**

15:45 – 17:15  
**Session 4**

***Locating Economic Activity in Developing Countries***

**In Search of a Spatial Equilibrium in the Developing World**

*Douglas Gollin, Martina Kirchberger and David Lagakos*

**Spatial Diffusion of Economic Shocks in Networks**

*Ashani Amarasinghe, Roland Hodler, Paul A. Raschky and Yves Zenou*

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17:15 – 17:45

**Wine and Beer Break**

17:45 – 19:15  
**Session 5**

***Trade Costs & Infrastructure***

**International Trade, Geographic Heterogeneity and Interregional Inequality**

*Georg Hirte, Christian Lessmann and André Seidel*

**Impact of Road Infrastructure Network Improvements on Household Spending**

*Nina Pkhikidze*

20:00

**Come Together and Dinner**

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09:00 – 10:30  
**Session 6**

***Ethnicity & Development***

**Clashes over Culture or Cattle? - Mixed Settlement and Ethno-Economic Conflict in Africa**

*Ulrich Eberle, Dominic Rohner and Mathias Thoening*

**Colonial Indirect Rule and Pre-colonial Ethnic Institutions: Evidence from British India**

*Arash Naghavi and Shujaat Farooq*

10:30 – 10:45

**Coffee Break**

10:45 – 12:15  
**Session 7**

***Natural Disasters & Weather***

**The Local Economic Impact of Natural Disasters**

*Gabriel Felbermayr, Jasmin Gröschl, Mark Sanders, Vincent Schippers and Thomas Steinwachs*

**Weather and Crime in South Africa**

*Anna Bruederle, Jörg Peters and Gareth Roberts*

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12:15 – 12:30

Coffee Break

12:30 – 13:45  
Keynote

Landmines and Spatial Development

Stelios Michalopoulos

13:45 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 16:00  
Session 8*Health & Development*

Growth is Good for Health - in Democracies

*Andreas Kammerlander and Günther G. Schulze*

Ebola, Resistance and State Legitimacy

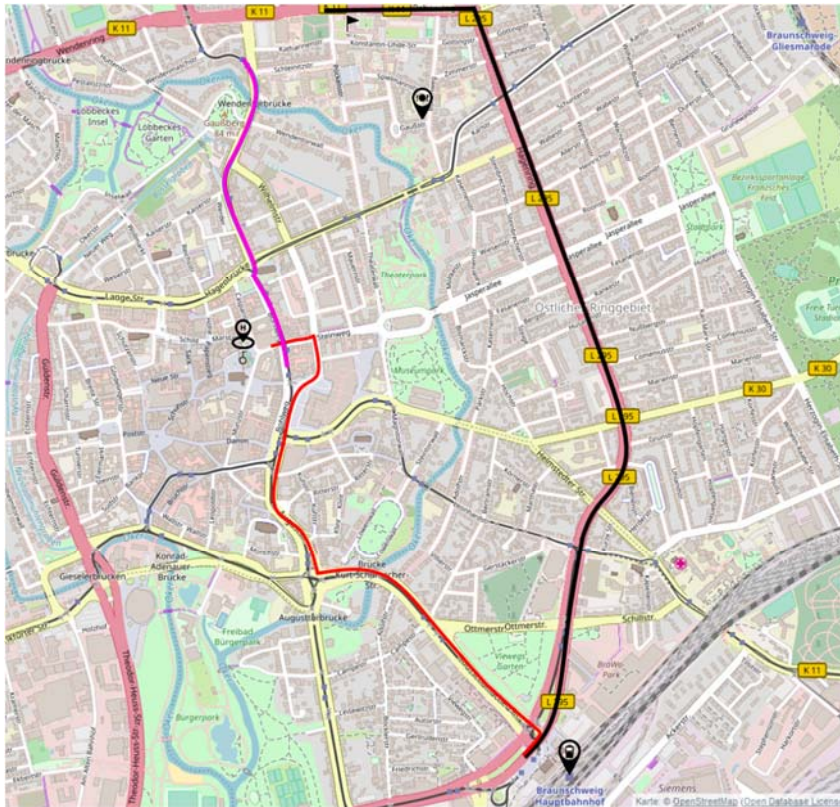
*Matthias Flückiger, Markus Ludwig and Ali Sina Önder*

16:00

Close of Conference

### Further information


The workshop takes place at Haus der Wissenschaften seminar room “Weitblick” (Pockelsstrasse 11, 5<sup>th</sup> floor). The following map gives detailed instructions on the location of the venue and transport options. Moreover, the map outlines the location of the hotel “Deutsches Haus” and Restaurant Troja.



## DIRECTIONS


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**Haus der Wissenschaft**

 Address: Pockelsstrasse 11  
 Starting at main station, take bus no. 419 from platform A and get off at bus stop Pockelsstrasse.  
 The conference venue is on the opposite side of the street.  
 In order to reach hotel Deutsches Haus, take tram no. 1 (direction Stöckheim) or 2 (direction Heidberg) which connects stop Mühlenfordstrasse with Rathaus.


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**Hotel Deutsches Haus**

 Address: Am Ruhfäuchenplatz 1  
 Starting at main station, you reach the hotel using tram no. 1 (direction Wenden) from platform C or bus no. 420 (direction Rathaus) from platform A.  
 Both lines stop at Rathaus. You reach the hotel in a 3 minute walk.


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**Busline/Tramline**

 **Busline 419**  
**Busline 420 and Tramline 1 between main station and Rathaus**  
**Tramline 1/2 between Mühlenfordstrasse and Rathaus**

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**Restaurant Troja**

 Address: Bütenweg 6

We allocated 45 Minutes to each paper: 30 Minutes presentation, 5 Minutes discussion, and 15 Minutes general discussion. We ask all presenters to prepare a discussion of the other paper within their session.