

Price Indices and the Measurement of Quality Change

Preliminary Programme;

Wednesday 24th of April, 20.00

Get together (on the previous day for speakers who have already arrived)

Thursday 25th of April

9.00	Registration
10.30	Welcome: Wolfgang Franz (ZEW)
10.40	<p style="text-align: center;">Session I: Hedonic Methods in Practice</p> <p>Chair: Wolfgang Franz (ZEW) Jack Triplett (The Brookings Institution) <i>Hedonic Indexes and Classical Indexes: When Do They Differ? And Why?</i> Robert Gordon (Northwestern University) <i>Problems and Pitfalls in Matched-Model and Hedonic Price Indexes</i> Dietmar Moch (ZEW) <i>Results of the Survey on the use of Hedonic methods in Practice</i> Stefan Linz (Federal Statistical Office Germany) <i>Plans at Destatis for the Implementation of Hedonic Methods – Overview</i></p>
12.30	Lunch
13.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session II: Hedonic Price Indices for Personal Computers</p> <p>Chair and Moderation: Jack Triplett (The Brookings Institution) Dietmar Moch (ZEW) <i>Survey on Hedonic Prices for PCs in Germany, Canada, Australia, Sweden, France, Japan, USA</i> Studies on hedonic prices for PCs: Fred Barzyk (Statistics Canada) <i>The Treatment of Quality Change for Computers</i> Richard Evans (INSEE) <i>Hedonic Methods for Microcomputers: The French Experience</i> Richard McKenzie (Statistics Australia) <i>Hedonic Price Indices for Computers in Australia</i> Adrian Ball (UK) <i>Implementing Hedonic Methods for PCs: The UK Experience</i> Paul Konijn (Eurostat) <i>The European Hedonic Centre Preliminary Experience from an Internet Sampling for 5 European Countries</i> <i>Panel Discussion</i></p>
15.30	Coffee Break

16:00	Session III: Hedonic Price Indices and Trading Frequency
	Chair: Bernd Schips (ETH Zürich) John M. Quigley (University of California Berkeley) <i>Price and Valuation Indices for Private Equity Firms</i> Don Ethridge (Texas Tech University) <i>Daily Hedonic Price Analysis</i>
17:00	Coffee Break
17:15	Session IV: Hedonic Price Indices for IT-Goods
	Chair: Wolfgang Brachinger (University of Fribourg) Ana Aizcorbe (Federal Reserve Board) <i>Why Are Semiconductor Prices Falling so Fast?</i> Marc Prud'Homme (Statistics Canada) <i>A Price Index for Software</i>
20.00	Conference – Dinner

Friday 26th of April

9.00	Session V: Hedonic Price Indices for housing
	<p>Chair: Konrad Stahl (University Mannheim) Johannes Hoffmann and Claudia Kurz* (Deutsche Bundesbank) <i>German Hedonic Housing Prices</i> Gerd Ronning (University Tübingen) <i>Mietspiegel</i></p>
10.00	Coffee Break
10.30	Session VI: Hedonic Price Indices for Cars
	<p>Chair: David Fenwick (ONS , United Kingdom) Dietmar Harhoff (LMU Munich) <i>A Price Index for Cars in Germany</i> Ben Bode (EUR Rotterdam) <i>Quality-corrected price indexes of new passengers cars</i> Peter Hein van Mulligen (University of Groningen) <i>Quality adjusted industry PPPs</i></p>
12.00	Lunch
13.00	Session VII: Data Issues and Implementation of Price Indices
	<p>Chair: Paul Schreyer (OECD) Paul Liegey (BLS) <i>Hedonic Quality Adjustments in the U.S. CPI: A Statistical Agency Perspective</i> Isabelle Le Boette* and Christophe Barret (INSEE) <i>New data sources and technologies for data collection – Evaluation des Micro-Donnes et de l'IPC</i> Mick Silver and Saeed Heravi* (Cardiff University) <i>On the stability of hedonic coefficients – an empirical analysis for TV's</i></p>
14.30	Coffee Break
15:00-16:15	Round Table
	<p><i>Challenges for the Harmonized Measurement of Price Indices and Quality Changes</i> Moderator: Wolfgang Franz (ZEW) Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Statistical Office Germany (Wolfgang Buchwald) • The Brookings Institute (Jack Triplett) • OECD (Paul Schreyer) • Eurostat (John Astin) • German Ministry of Finance (Christoph Menzel)