

2016 ZEW Public Finance Conference
Fiscal Equalisation in Europe

Mannheim, April 25 and 26, 2016

Preliminary Programme

Per paper: 20 min. presentation, 5 min. discussion, 5 min. general discussion

Monday, April 25, 2016

08:00 – 09:00

Registration

09:00 – 10:30 Parallel Sessions 1

1A Local Public Economics

Chair: Sebastian Blesse

Room: Room 1

Municipal Mergers and Economic Activity: Evidence from Germany

Gabriel Loumeau, Marko Köthenbürger and Peter Egger

Discussant: Sebastian Blesse

Local labor market effects of public employment

Jordi Jofre-Monseny, José Ignacio Silva-Becerra and Javier Vázquez-Grenno

Discussant: Gabriel Loumeau

Do municipal mergers reduce costs? Evidence from a German federal state

Sebastian Blesse and Thushyanthan Baskaran

Discussant: Jordi Jofre-Monseny

1B European Unemployment Insurance

Chair: Mathias Dolls

Room: Room 2

Drowned by Numbers? Designing an EU-wide Unemployment Insurance

Etienne Farvaque and Florence Huart

Discussant: Francesca Carta

A European Unemployment Insurance System: Redistributive and stabilizing effects

Mathias Dolls and Richard Lewney

Discussant: Florence Huart

A feasible unemployment-based shock absorber for the euro area

Francesca Carta

Discussant: Richard Lewney

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

Room: Meeting Hall

11:00 – 12:00 Massimo Morelli: Fiscal Union Desirability (Keynote)

Room: Brussels

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

Room: Meeting Hall

13:00 – 14:30 Parallel Sessions 2

2A Corporate Taxation I

Chair: Thomas Schwab

Room: Room 1

Corporate Flat Tax Reforms and Businesses' Location Choices. Evidence from Switzerland

Agustin Redonda and Sergio Galletta

Discussant: Maria Teresa Alvarez-Martinez

Corporate Income Tax Reform in the EU

Maria Teresa Alvarez-Martinez, Salvador Barrios, Maria Gesualdo, Dimitrios Pontikakis and Jonathan Pycroft

Discussant: Johannes Voget

Taxing Away M&A: The Effect of Corporate Capital Gains Taxes on Acquisition Activity

Lars Feld, Martin Ruf, Ulrich Schreiber, Maximilian Todtenhaupt and **Johannes Voget**

Discussant: Agustin Redonda

2B Political Economy

Chair: Mustafa Yeter

Room: Room 2

Helping the Neighbor out: Financial Solidarity in Germany and the European Union

Melissa Berger

Discussant: Mustafa Yeter

If you want me to stay, pay: a model of asymmetric federalism in centralised countries

Peter Claeys and Federico Martire

Discussant: Melissa Engel

Candidate self- and voter selection: Evidence from a free market for executive political candidates

Lars P. Feld, Marc-Daniel Moessinger and **Mustafa Yeter**

Discussant: Peter Claeys

2C Fiscal Transfers

Chair: Benjamin Bittschi

Room: Brussels

Fiscal transfers and risk sharing in monetary union

Werner Roeger and **Lukas Vogel**

Discussant: Benjamin Bittschi

Absorbing Shocks: The Role of Rainy Day Funds and Transfers in a Fiscal Union

Timothy Goodspeed

Discussant: Lukas Vogel

Remittances and Public Finances: Evidence from Oil-Price Shocks

Zareh Asatryan, **Benjamin Bittschi** and Philipp Dörrenberg

Discussant: Timothy Goodspeed

14:30– 15:00 Coffee break

Room: Meeting Hall

15:00 – 16:30 Parallel Sessions 3

3A Taxation and Employment

Chair: Sebastian Siegloch

Room: Room 1

Learning Dynamics in Tax Bunching at the Kink: Evidence from Ecuador

Albrecht Bohne and Jan Sebastian Nimczik

Discussant: Alisa Tazhitdinova

Adjust Me if I Can't: The Effect of Firm Incentives on Labor Supply Responses to Taxes

Alisa Tazhitdinova

Discussant: Nicolas Werquin

Income taxation with frictional labor supply

Nicolas Werquin

Discussant: Albrecht Bohne

3B Fiscal Stabilization in the Great Recession

Chair: Christian Wittneben

Room: Room 2

Determinants of sub-sovereign bond yield spreads – The role of fiscal fundamentals and federal bailout expectations

Arno Hantzsche, Roland Beck, Gianluigi Ferrucci and Matthias Rau-Göhring

Discussant: Christian Wittneben

Destabilizing revenue sharing? Evidence from Spanish local governments during the Great Recession

Dirk Foremny and Albert Solé-Ollé

Discussant: Arno Hantzsche

Crisis, Austerity and Automatic Stabilization

Mathias Dolls, Clemens Fuest, Andreas Peichl and **Christian Wittneben**

Discussant: Dirk Foremny

16:30– 17:00 Coffee break

Room: Meeting Hall

17:00 – 18:30 Parallel Sessions 4

4A EU Budget

Chair: Friedrich Heinemann

Room: Room 1

Towards the Greater Good? EU Commissioners' Nationality and Budget Allocation in the European Union

Kai Gehring and Stephan Schneider

Discussant: Monika Banaszewska

EU Taxes as Genuine Own Resource to Finance the EU Budget – Pros, Cons and Sustainability-oriented Criteria to Evaluate Potential Tax Candidates

Margit Schratzenstaller, Alexander Krenek, Danuse Nerudova and Marian Dobranschi

Discussant: Friedrich Heinemann

The political economy of EU-funds in Poland 2009 – 2011

Monika Banaszewska and Ivo Bischoff

Discussant: Kai Gehring

4B Behavioural Responses to Taxation

Chair: Andreas Peichl

Room: Room 2

How do small firms respond to tax schedule discontinuities? Evidence from South African tax registers

Wian Boonzaaier, Jarkko Harju, **Tuomas Matikka** and Jukka Pirttilä

Discussant: Andreas Peichl

Behavioral Responses to Wealth Transfer Taxation: Bunching Evidence from Germany

Ulrich Glogowsky

Discussant: Nadine Riedel

Corporate Taxes and Firm Behavior in a Low Enforcement Environment - Evidence from South Africa

Nadine Riedel, Collen Lediga and Kristina Strohmaier

Discussant: Tuomas Matikka

19:30 Dinner

at Rheinterrassen

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

09:00 – 10:30 Parallel Sessions 5

5A Fiscal Competition

Chair: Eckhard Janeba

Room: Room 1

International tax competition and the deficit bias

Calin Arcalean

Discussant: Eckhard Janeba

Commercial Land Use and Interjurisdictional Competition

Thiess Büttner

Discussant: Calin Arcalean

Can revenue equalisation mitigate tax competition? Ad valorem, residence-based taxation in a federation

Willem Sas

Discussant: Thiess Büttner

5B Public Budgets

Chair: Christoph Schröder

Room: Room 2

Housing Boom-Busts, Temporary Windfalls, and Local Government Budgets

Albert Solé-Ollé and Elisabet Viladecans-Marsal

Discussant: Marko Köthenbürger

Revenue scarcity and government outsourcing: Causal evidence from Norwegian local governments

Benny Geys and Rune Sørensen

Discussant: Albert Solé-Ollé

The Flypaper Effect in Municipal Finance: A Regression Kink Design

Marko Köthenbürger and Gabriel Loumeau

Discussant: Benny Geys

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

Room: Meeting Hall

11:00 – 12:00 Jonathan A. Rodden: Equalisation systems and incentive effects for lower-level governments (Keynote)

Room: Brussels

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

Room: Meeting Hall

13:00– 15:00 Special Session: OECD Fiscal Federalism Network

Chair: Hansjörg Blöchliger

Room: Brussels

Fiscal equalisation in OECD countries: main policy issues

Hansjörg Blöchliger

Regional GDP in OECD countries: how has inequality developed over time?

Felix Arnold, David Bartolini and Hansjörg Blöchliger

Fiscal decentralisation and regional disparities

Hansjörg Blöchliger, David Bartolini and Sibylle Stossberg

Fiscal decentralisation and income inequality

Sibylle Stossberg, David Bartolini and Hansjörg Blöchliger

Intergovernmental grants, pro- or counter-cyclical?

Hansjörg Blöchliger and Balázs Egert

15:00 – 15:30

Coffee break

Room: Meeting Hall

15:30 – 17:00 Parallel Sessions 6

6A Corporate Taxation II

Chair: Julia Braun

Room: Room 1

Lowering Corporate Tax Rates to Compete over Profits: Bring a Knife to a Gunfight?

Anna Alexander, Antonio De Vito and Martin Jacob

Discussant: Zarko Kalamov

On the interdependency of profit-shifting channels and the effectiveness of anti-avoidance legislation

Katharina Nicolay, Hannah Nusser and Olena Dudar

Discussant: Anna Alexander

Switching from Safe Haven to Earnings Stripping Rules: Welfare Enhancing or Not?

Zarko Kalamov

Discussant: Katharina Nicolay

6B Preferences and Compliance in Taxation

Chair: Zareh Asatryan

Room: Room 2

Taking Culture Into Account(ing): Cross-Country Differences in Preferences and Taxation

Andreas Ek

Discussant: Dirk Neumann

The Effects of Compliance Reminders on Tax Payments; Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Greece

Antonis M. Koumpias

Discussant: Andreas Ek

Well-Being Poverty and Labor Income Taxation: Theory and Application to Europe and the US

Francois Maniquet and Dirk Neumann

Discussant: Antonis M. Koumpias

17:00 – 17:10 Closing Remarks

Room: Meeting Hall

End of Conference