

6th Sinergia Workshop
Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, October 23, 2015

Program

Train from Zurich arriving at 08:50

Morning Sessions: Room SI003, Informatics Building

08:45-09:15 *Coffee*

09:15-09:40 Welcome by Mario Jametti, Lugano, and data update by Matthias Krapf, Lausanne

Morning Session 1: Chair: Mario Jametti

09:40-10:05 Zohal Hessami, Konstanz: *Accountability and Incentives of Appointed and Elected Public Officials*

10:05-10:30 Ben Jann, Bern: *Assessing Inequality Using Percentile Shares*

10:30-10:55 Fabio Wasserfallen, Salzburg: *Explaining Variation in Cantonal Tax Competition*

10:55-11:15 *Coffee break*

Morning Session 2: Chair: Kurt Schmidheiny

11:15-11:40 Katharina Hofer, St. Gallen: *Transparency in Parliamentary Voting*

11:40-12:05 Lukas Schmid, St. Gallen: *Language Proficiency and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Two Natural Experiments in Switzerland*

12:05-12:30 Sergio Galletta, Lugano: *Law enforcement, municipal budget and spillover effects: Evidence from a quasi-experiment in Italy*

12:30-14:00 *Lunch break*

Afternoon Sessions: Room A34, Red Building

Afternoon Session 1: Chair: Monika Bütler

- 14:00-14:25 Alma Ramsed, St. Gallen: *Pricing annuities: The Role of Taxation in Retirement Decisions*
- 14:25-14:50 Gabriel Loumeau, KOF: *Equalization Transfers and Municipal Expenditures: A Regression Kink Design with Homogeneous and Heterogeneous Treatment Effects*
- 14:50-15:15 Edoardo Slerca, Lugano: *The Net Costs of Immigration across Ethnic Lines: Evidence from Lombardy*
- 15:15-15:40 Ramon Christen, IDHEAP: *How Can States Benefit from the Equity Premium Puzzle? Spreads as Revenue Source of Swiss Cantons*
- 15:40-16:00 *Coffee break*

Afternoon Session 2: Chair: Marius Brühlhart

- 16:00-16:25 Florian Chatagny, KOF: *Tax Effects of Amalgamations: Evidence from Swiss Municipalities*
- 16:25-16:50 Marcus Roller, Basel: *The Elasticity of Local Taxable Income: Evidence from Switzerland*
- 16:50-17:15 David Staubli, Lausanne: *Tax Elasticity of Corporate Taxable Income*

Train to Lausanne departing at 18:11