Conference in Urban and Regional Economics (CURE)

Venue: University of Basel

Organisers: Marius Brülhart (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

09:00-10:10 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 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

11:25-11:50 Coffee break

11:50-13:00 The Great Divergence: Guilds and Spatial Competition in England and China
Klaus Desmet, Southern Methodist University and CEPR (with Avner Greif and Stephen Parente)

Discussants: Ferdinand Rauch, University of Oxford and CEPR and
Jeremiah Dittmar, American University

13:00-14:30 Lunch
Afternoon, Friday, 25 October

14:30-15:40  **Commuting, Migration and Local Employment Elasticities**  
Stephen Redding, Princeton University and CEPR  
(with Ferdinando Monte 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  **Should Different People Have Different Governments?**  
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 October

The Impact of Public Employment: Evidence from Bonn
09:00-10:10  Stephan Heblich, University of Bristol
(with Sascha Becker and Daniel Sturm)

Discussants: Henry Overman, London School of Economics and CEPR and Yanos Zylberberg, University of Bristol

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 Rebecca Diamond, Stanford University

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, CEMFI and 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.