



"Evaluation of Political Reforms" SFB 884 Research Conference: 12-14 December 2012

Organizing/Scientific Committee:

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Thomas König; Enno Mammen; Andrea Weber

Wednesday, 12th of December

9:00-9:15 Welcome by the Rector of the University of Mannheim,
Professor Dr. Ernst-Ludwig von Thadden
and Professor Dr. Thomas König (Speaker of the SFB 884)

9:15-10:15 **Richard Blundell (Keynote Speaker):** Female Labour Supply,
Human Capital and Tax Reform

10:15-10:40 *Coffee break*

Session: Political economy of reforms I

10:40-11:10 Eckhard Janeba: Reforms of fiscal policies and fiscal deficit in Germany
(Schuldenbremse)

11:10-11:40 Thomas König: Reforming the Euro-Zone ? - A Synthetic Control Analysis
of Public Dept Development in European Countries

11:40-11:55 *Coffee break*

Session: Evaluation of reforms of property taxation

11:55-12:40 Henrik Kleven: The Effect of Property Transaction Taxes
on the Housing Market: Evidence from Notches in the UK

12:40-14:00 *Lunch break*

Session: Reforms of education systems

14:00-14:45 Peter Fredriksson: Education reform in Sweden: Behavioral responses
to class size variation

14:45-15:15 Verena Niepel: School choice reform in Sweden

15:15-15:30 *Coffee break*



Session: Econometrics Methods I

15:30-16:15 Dennis Kristensen: Nonparametric Identification and Estimation of Multiple Choice Models

16:15-17:00 Bryan Graham: Identification and efficient estimation of average match functions

17:00-17:15 *Coffee break*

Session: Econometric methods II

17:15-17:45 Christoph Breunig: Specification Testing in Nonparametric Instrumental Quantile Regression

17:45-18:15 Petyo Bonev: Evaluation of reform with nonparametric IV

ca. 18:30- ... Optional: Visiting the Mannheim Christmas Market



Thursday, 13th of December

Session: Evaluation of pension reforms

9:00-9:45 Martin Huber: The effect of firms' partial retirement policies on the labour market outcomes of their employees

9:45-10:15 Andrea Weber: Nonparametric Evidence on the Effects of Financial Incentives on Retirement Decisions

10:15-10:30 *Coffee break*

Session: Evaluation of reforms of public health systems

10:30-11:15 Carol Propper: Death by Market Power: Reform, Competition and Patient Outcomes in the National Health Service

11:15-11:45 James Lo: How do Public Health Expansions Vary by Income Strata? Evidence from Illinois' All-Kids Program

11:45-12:00 *Coffee break*

Session: German Internet Panel - A Project of the SFB 884

12:00-12:30 Annelies Blom: The German Internet Panel

12:30-14:00 *Lunch break*

Session: Reforms of family policies

14:00-14:45 Rafael Lalive: Parental Leave and Mothers' Careers: The Relative Importance of Job Protection and Cash Benefits

14:45-15:15 Annette Bergemann: Maternal Labor Supply after Birth: Effects of a Reform of Parental Leave Benefits in Germany

15:15-15:30 *Coffee break*

Session: Evaluation of human capital formation

15:30-16:15 Michael Lechner: Do Firms Benefit from Active Labour Market Policies?

16:15-17:00 Bas van der Klaauw: The returns to medical school: evidence from admission lotteries

17:00-17:15 *Coffee break*



Session: Evaluation of reforms of unemployment insurance

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| 17:15-18:00 | Marco Caliendo: | Getting Back into the Labor Market: The Effects of Start-Up Subsidies for Unemployed Females |
| 18:00-18:45 | Johannes Schmieider: | The Effect of Unemployment Insurance Extensions on Reemployment Wages |

ca. 19:30- ... **Conference Dinner (all speakers are invited)**

Friday, 14th of December

Session: Political Economy of reforms II

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| 9:00-9:45 | Per Pettersson-Lidbom: | Democracy, Redistribution, and Political Participation: Evidence from Sweden 1919-1938 |
| 9:45-10:30 | Tommaso Nannicini: | Policy Responses to Fiscal Restraints: A Difference-in-Discontinuities Design (joint with Veronica Grembi and Ugo Troiano) |

10:30-10:45 *Coffee break*

Session: Political Economy of reforms III

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| 10:45-11:15 | Sona and Matt Golder: | Power and Politics: Insights from an Exit, Voice, and Loyalty Game |
| 11:15-11:45 | Christina Gathmann: | Trial and Error? Policy Experimentation during the US Welfare Reform |
| 11:45-12:30 | Daniel Sturm: | The Impact of Public Employment? Evidence from Bonn |

12:30-14:00 *Lunch break*

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| 14:00-15:00 | David Card (Keynote Speaker): | Workplace Heterogeneity and the Rise of Wage Inequality in Germany |
| 15:00-15:15 | Markus Frölich | Final Summary and Farewell |