

Workshop on Geodata and Economics

Braunschweig, May 17-18, 2018

Conference Venue: TU Braunschweig, Haus der Wissenschaft

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Thursday, May 17, 2018

09:50 – 10:00	Welcome Address
10:00 – 11:30	Session 1 – Methods & Inference Using Geospatial Data
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee Break
11:45 – 13:15	Session 2 – Administrative Border Reforms
13:15 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Session 3 - Deforestation
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:15	Session 4 – Locating Economic Activity in Developing Countries
17:15 – 17:45	Wine and Beer Break
17:45 – 19:15	Session 5 – Trade Costs & Infrastructure
20:00	Come Together and Dinner

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Friday, May 18, 2018

09:00 – 10:30	Session 6 – Ethnicity & Development
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:15	Session 7 – Natural Disasters & Weather
12:15 – 12:30	Coffee Break
12:30 – 13:45	Keynote
13:45 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	Session 8 – Health & Development
16:00	Close of Conference

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Welcome Address

10:00 – 11:30

Session 1

Methods & Inference Using Geospatial Data

Inference with Arbitrary Clustering

Fabrizio Colella, Rafael Lalive, Seyhun Orcan Sakalli and Mathias Thoenig

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Richard Bluhm and Melanie Krause

11:30 – 11:45

Coffee Break

11:45 – 13:15

Session 2

Administrative Border Reforms

Local Border Reforms and Economic Activity

Peter H. Egger, Marko Koethenbueger and Gabriel Loumeau

Subnational Border Changes and Economic Development in Africa

Thushyanthan Baskaran and Sebastian Blesse

13:15 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:30

Session 3

Deforestation

Community-driven Deforestation? Experimental Evidence from a Rural Development Program in West Africa

Simon Heß, Dany Jaimovich and Matthias Schündeln

Protection and Profit: Spill-over Effects of Governmental and Market-based Forest Policies

Julika Herzberg

15:30 – 15:45

Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:15

Session 4

Locating Economic Activity in Developing Countries

In Search of a Spatial Equilibrium in the Developing World

Douglas Gollin, Martina Kirchberger and David Lagakos

Spatial Diffusion of Economic Shocks in Networks

Ashani Amarasinghe, Roland Hodler, Paul A. Raschky and Yves Zenou

17:15 – 17:45

Wine and Beer Break

17:45 – 19:15
Session 5

Trade Costs & Infrastructure

International Trade, Geographic Heterogeneity and Interregional Inequality

Georg Hirte, Christian Lessmann and André Seidel

Impact of Road Infrastructure Network Improvements on Household Spending

Nina Pkhikidze

20:00

Come Together and Dinner

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09:00 – 10:30
Session 6

Ethnicity & Development

Clashes over Culture or Cattle? - Mixed Settlement and Ethno-Economic Conflict in Africa

Ulrich Eberle, Dominic Rohner and Mathias Thoenig

Colonial Indirect Rule and Pre-colonial Ethnic Institutions: Evidence from British India

Arash Naghavi and Shujaat Farooq

10:30 – 10:45

Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:15
Session 7

Natural Disasters & Weather

The Local Economic Impact of Natural Disasters

Gabriel Felbermayr, Jasmin Gröschl, Mark Sanders, Vincent Schippers and Thomas Steinwachs

Weather and Crime in South Africa

Anna Bruederle, Jörg Peters and Gareth Roberts

12:15 – 12:30

Coffee Break

12:30 – 13:45
Keynote

Landmines and Spatial Development

Stelios Michalopoulos

13:45 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 16:00
Session 8*Health & Development*

Growth is Good for Health - in Democracies

Andreas Kammerlander and Günther G. Schulze

Ebola, Resistance and State Legitimacy

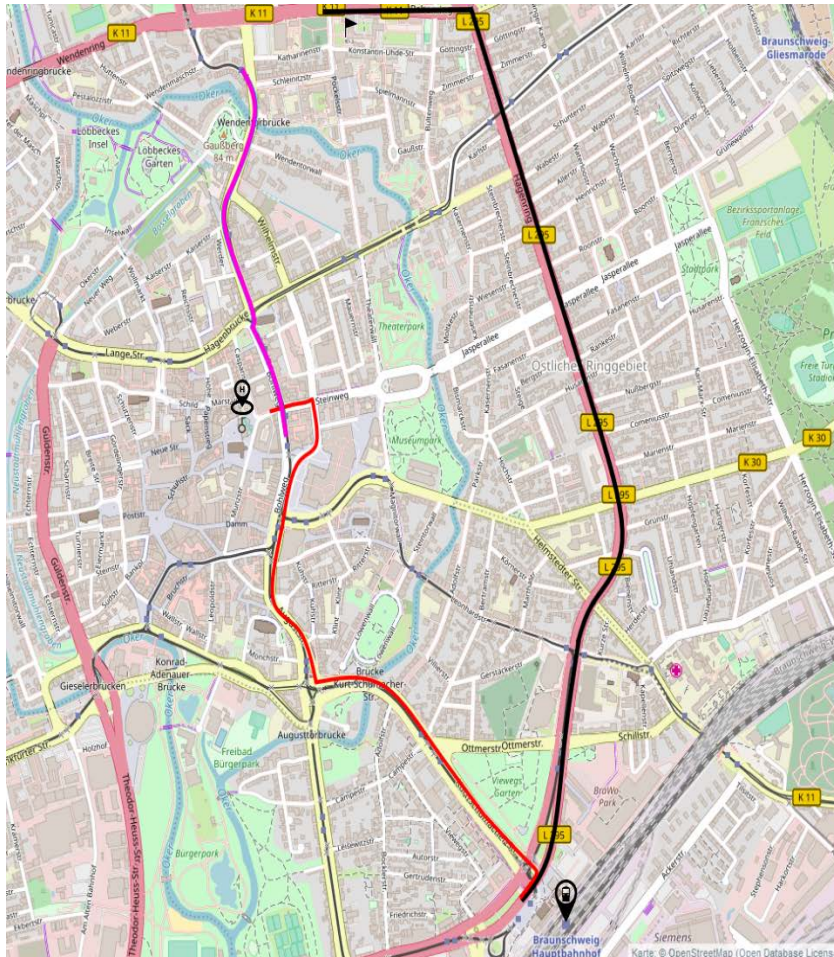
Matthias Flückiger, Markus Ludwig and Ali Sina Önder

16:00

Close of Conference

Further information

The workshop takes place at Haus der Wissenschaften seminar room “Weitblick” (Pockelsstrasse 11, 5th floor). The following map gives detailed instructions on the location of the venue and transport options.



DIRECTIONS

Haus der Wissenschaft

Address: Pockelsstrasse 11

Starting at main station, take bus no. 419 from platform A and get off at bus stop Pockelsstrasse.

The conference venue is on the opposite side of the street.

In order to reach hotel Deutsches Haus, take tram no. 1 (direction Stöckheim) or 2 (direction Heidberg) which connects stop Mühlenfordstrasse with Rathaus.

Hotel Deutsches Haus

Address: Am Ruhfäuchenplatz 1

Starting at main station, you reach the hotel using tram no. 1 (direction Wenden) from platform C or bus no. 420 (direction Rathaus) from platform A.

Both lines stop at Rathaus. You reach the hotel in a 3 minute walk.

Busline/Tramline

Busline 419

Busline 420 and Tramline 1 between main station and Rathaus

Tramline 1/2 between Mühlenfordstrasse and Rathaus

We allocated 45 Minutes to each paper: 30 Minutes presentation, 5 Minutes discussion, and 15 Minutes general discussion. We ask all presenters to prepare a discussion of the other paper within their session.

List of participants

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