

European Summer Symposium in Labour Economics

Hosted by the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

The Deutsche Post World Net Conference Centre

Buch, on Lake Ammersee, Germany

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ESSLE is designed to bring together labour economists from across Europe and key researchers from outside the region. The symposium provides a unique opportunity for researchers from different universities and countries to discuss their work in a relaxed atmosphere and to develop long-term collaborative relationships. Another important aim of ESSLE is to provide young researchers with the opportunity to meet and discuss their work with senior economists.

ESSLE 2006 will bring together around 40 economists for a period of four days (arriving on the evening of 13 September and departing on the morning of 17 September). To foster the desired interaction we request that participants stay for the entire duration of the Symposium. The programme combines focus and contributed sessions with time for collaboration and consultation. While there will be no discussants for papers this year, some researchers may be asked to present their work in a poster session.

The meeting will be hosted by the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) at the Deutsche Post Conference Centre in Buch on Lake Ammersee, and organized by Armin Falk (IZA, Bonn University and CEPR), Steve Pischke (London School of Economics and CEPR) and Gilles Saint-Paul (Université des Sciences Sociales, Toulouse, and CEPR)

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1. The Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) – Aims and Tasks

The Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) analyzes problems and structural aspects of the labor market in a rapidly changing global environment. Beyond fundamental research in all areas of labor economics, IZA offers policy advice on current labor market issues and provides relevant information to the general public. Its concentration on labor market issues, combined with its role as a place of communication between economic science and political practice, makes IZA a globally unique institution. IZA was founded in 1998 on the initiative of Deutsche Post World Net (German Postal Service), from which it draws substantial financial support. This guarantees its independence from short-term commissioned research. Dr. Klaus Zumwinkel, Chairman of the Board of Management of Deutsche Post World Net, is President of IZA. Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann (also President of the German Institute for Economic Research, DIW Berlin, Professor of Economics at the University of Bonn, and Honorary Professor at the Free University of Berlin) heads the institute as IZA Director.

The numerous activities at IZA rest on two central pillars: basic research and labor market policy advice. While IZA Director of Research Prof. Dr. Armin Falk (also Full Professor at the University of Bonn) is in charge of coordinating the research program, Dr. Hilmar Schneider handles all policy-related matters as IZA Director of Labor Policy. A team of IZA staff researchers and a large international network of labor economists contribute to the IZA research projects. The group of IZA Research Fellows consists of more than 500 renowned economists, among them several winners of the Nobel Prize in Economics. In addition to cooperating closely with these network members, IZA places great importance on the integration and promotion of junior researchers with high innovative potential. Young staff members and research affiliates contribute to IZA's dynamic environment. Furthermore, IZA has close ties to the Bonn University Economics Department in research and teaching and is involved to a large extent in the program of the Bonn Graduate School of Economics. IZA also cooperates with many international research institutions. Due to the high quality of its research methods and findings, IZA has quickly established itself as a member of the international scientific elite.

More information about IZA can be found on our webpage: <http://www.iza.org>.

2. Audio Visual Equipment and Guidelines for Presentation

The Conference Centre offers two large conference rooms, in addition to 2 smaller study rooms that are functional and technically up-to-date. Audio visual equipment available includes: monitor and VHS recorder, colour camera and tripod, plate camera, multi-media trolley with PC, data-display, overhead projector, projection surface, flipchart, slide projector, copier, PA system, mobile and stationary telephone, fax machine and notebook.

The time schedule for each session is as follows:

Presentation:	40 minutes
Discussant:	10 minutes
General discussion:	10 minutes

Please ensure that a copy of your paper is sent electronically to Gabrielle Schachter (gschachter@cepr.org) at CEPR **by Friday 18th August**. If you encounter problems meeting this deadline, please email Gabrielle.

3. ESSLE Website

The programme schedule, list of participants, and further details of the venue will be made available on the ESSLE Conference website (you will be notified of the website address in due course), where you will also be able to download the conference papers (papers will not be sent by post, although copies will be available at the conference).

4. The Deutsche Post Conference Centre

4.1. Description

The Conference Centre is located in Buch, on Lake Ammersee in the midst of Fünfseenland (Five Lakes Country). Lying between Munich and the Alps, the area offers a host of cultural attractions ranging from Baroque art in out-of-the-way village churches to masterpieces of modern art in the museums of Munich. The Centre is located beside Lake Ammersee and provides plenty of opportunities for walking and swimming.

The bedrooms are tastefully decorated and facilities include telephone, satellite TV, a workspace and analog Internet connection. There is also a swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, sports and fitness equipment available for use by all participants. Bathrobes are available for hire for a small fee.

- Participants are kindly requested to attend meals punctually, since meals are very freshly prepared by the kitchen.
- Breakfast will be served from 7:30 - 8:30 am.
- Drinks taken with the meals are free.
- Please note that drinks taken at the bar have to be paid in cash (Euro).
- The swimming pool is open from 6:30 am to 11:00 pm.
- The following newspapers are available daily at 9:00 am at the reception desk: *Financial Times*, *Financial Times Deutschland*, *Herald Tribune*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*
- You can receive three English TV-programs in your room (CNN, BBC and NBC); please use the TV instructions to find the respective channel.
- International phone-calls can be made from your room.
- Two computers are available at the gallery and one at the reception desk, where you can check your email.

- The Buch-IT-Equipment consists of four Laptops, which are accessible in the meeting rooms; the laptops are connected to the Internet.
- There is a possibility to connect your Laptop to the Wireless LAN; therefore you need Wireless LAN Network Card, which is embedded in your Laptop or an external USB/PCMCIA Card; in the building there are several Access Points, which connect your laptops to the World Wide Web.

More information about the conference centre can be found at the following link:

<http://www.iza.org/essle/conferencesite.html>

Address of the Conference site:

Contact: Iwona Werner (present on Wednesday 13th September in the morning)
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If there are any logistic questions before the conference please contact Gabrielle Schachter at CEPR.

4.2. How to reach the Conference Centre

- Transfer from Munich Airport to Conference Centre

IZA have arranged for buses to collect participants from Munich airport and from Herrsching to the conference venue, on the **evening of Wednesday 13th September and in the morning of 14th September.** The detailed bus shuttle schedule is now available on CEPR's website at <http://www.cepr.org/meets/wkcn/4/4553>.

I would like to inform you about some arrival modalities.

Bus and Taxi Shuttle service available at Munich airport:

Participants arriving by plane are asked to assemble at Café Treffpunkt Zentralbereich (central area) "Z", located in Terminal 1, where the bus driver will meet you with a sign reading 'Deutsche Post - ESSLE'.

Please wait IN FRONT OF, and not IN the Cafe or else you may miss the pick up.

Shuttle service available at Herrsching station:

Participants arriving at Herrsching station will be picked up by the taxi shuttle of the Management Center. A driver with a signboard posted "Deutsche Post - ESSLE" will be there to welcome you.

The departure schedule for return journey will be announced on Friday, September 15, in the foyer.

Participants not taking the transfer bus from Munich Airport:

- From Munich Airport to the Herrsching:

Take subway S8 in the direction of Pasing or alternatively take tram S1 (direction: München Ost) and get off at 'München-Laim'. Change to tram S5 (direction: Herrsching) and get off at Herrsching-Bahnhof. This journey should take approximately 90 minutes.

- From Munich Airport to Central Station.

Take tram S1 in the direction of München Ost or alternatively take subway S8 (direction: Pasing) and get off at 'München-Hauptbahnhof'. This journey should take approximately 40 minutes.

- From Central Station (Hauptbahnhof) to Herrsching:

Take subway S5 in the direction of Herrsching and get out at the terminal station (Herrsching). This journey will take approximately 45 minutes. At Herrsching, please take a taxi to the Conference centre.

- By Car:

Driving from motorway A9 (Berlin/Nürnberg to München), change to the A92 at the 'Autobahnkreuz Neufahrn'. From the A92 take the exit 'Oberschleißheim' and change to highway B471 heading for 'Dachau/Fürstenfeldbruck'. Take the exit 'Inning/Ammersee' and follow signs towards 'Herrsching/Breitbrunn' until you reach 'Buch'. Turn right and follow the signs towards 'Managementzentrum Buch am Ammersee.'

If you are driving from motorway A8 (Stuttgart to München) take the exit 'Dachau/Fürstenfeldbruck' and change to highway B471 heading for 'Dachau/Fürstenfeldbruck'. Take the exit 'Inning/Ammersee' and follow signs towards 'Herrsching/Breitbrunn' until you reach 'Buch'. Turn right and follow the signs towards 'Managementzentrum Buch am Ammersee'.

Car parking space is available at the Conference Centre.

Further information about transport links can be found at the following link:
<http://www.iza.org/essle/travelinformation.html>.

If there are any delays or problems at the airport you can contact Iwona Werner, who will be at the conference venue on Wednesday 13th September in the morning. Ms Werner's mobile number is +49-174-30 26 175.

Alternatively, you can also contact the conference venue manager, Mr. Klein on +49-8143-9220.

5. Travel Guidelines and Reimbursement

For those who have requested funding, travel expenses will be covered according to the new CEPR travel guidelines (<http://www.cepr.org/meets/emo/Guidelines.htm>). Accommodation at the Managementzentrum is free for participants, however you will be expected to pay for any incidental expenses.

You should purchase local currency (Euros) before arrival at the Centre to pay for drinks at the bar and incidental expenses when you check-out.

Remember to keep all your travel receipts, as it may be difficult to gain reimbursement without them.