



10th Beyond Basic Questions Workshop June 5-6 2017

Università di Milano Bicocca and Università di Milano
@Palazzo Feltrinelli, Gargnano, Garda Lake

PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH

17.00 – 20.00 Arrival and Registration at Palazzo Feltrinelli

20.00 Dinner at Palazzo Feltrinelli

MONDAY, JUNE 5TH

8.00-9.00 Breakfast at Palazzo Feltrinelli

9:15 – 9:30

Official welcome

9:30 – 11:00

Session 1: TOPICS IN MACROECONOMICS (3)

Chair: Alessandro Missale

When Redistribution is always Right, go Left Political Ideology and The Probability of Upward Mobility Hypothesis (Harry Garretsen, **Maite Lameris** and Richard Jong-A-Pin)

Discussion opener: Mark Schelker

Real-time forecasting with a MIDAS VAR (**Heiner Mikosch** and Stefan Neuwirth)

Open discussion: Jan-Egbert Sturm

Is fiscal policy in the euro area Ricardian? (Leo de Haan, Jan P.A.M. Jacobs and **Nikki Panjer**)

Discussion opener: Alessandro Missale

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30

Session 2: TRADE (2)

Chair: Maximilian Fleig

Politicized Trade: What Drives Withdrawal of Trade

Preferences? (Martin Gassebner and **Arevik Gnutzmann**-

Mkrtchyan)

Discussion opener: Andreas Fuchs

Consequences of FTA Withdrawal: Evidence from EU
Enlargement (**Hinnerk Gnutzmann**)

Discussion opener: Maximilian Fleig

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00

Session 4: CONFLICT, DISASTER AND TERROR (3)

Chair: Martin Gassebner

Neighborhood disputes? Spatial inequalities and civil conflict in
Africa (**Richard Bluhm** and Melvin H.L. Wong)

Discussion opener: Vera Z. Eichenauer

Illicit economy and violence: The effect of opium cultivation on
the geography of conflict in Afghanistan (Kai Gehring, Stefan
Kienberger and **Sarah Langlotz**)

Discussion opener: Martin Gassebner

Learning from Disasters: Evidence from Economic Growth
Effects of Tropical Cyclones (Ashani Amarasinghey, Paul A.
Raschky and **Melvin H.L. Wong**)

Discussion opener: Christian Bjørnskov

15:00 – 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00

Session 3: FOREIGN AID AND DEVELOPMENT (3)

Chair: Pierre-Guillaume Méon

First Impressions: How Leader Changes Affect Bilateral Aid?
(Tobias Rommel and **Paul Schaudt**)

Discussion opener: Sarah Langlotz

Aid Donors (Andreas Fuchs and **Angelika Müller**)

Discussion opener: Silvia Marchesi

Is Targeted Aid More Effective? Sector-specific needs, the
composition of aid and its effects on growth (**Gerda Asmus**,
Axel Dreher and Peter Nunnenkamp)

Discussion opener: Tania Masi

17:30 – 19:00

Meeting to discuss COST Proposal (only senior participants)

19:30

Dinner at Palazzo Feltrinelli

TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH

8.00-9.00 Breakfast at Palazzo Feltrinelli

9:30 – 11:30

Session 1: ECONOMIC HISTORY & INSTITUTIONS (4)

Chair: Jan-Egbert Sturm

Steam democracy up! Industrialization-led urban opposition in Napoleonic plebiscites (**Jean Lacroix**)

Discussion opener: Kai Gehring

The origins of common identity: Division, homogenization policies and identity formation in Alsace-Lorraine (Sirus Dehdariy and **Kai Gehring**)

Discussion opener: Pierre-Guillaume Méon

It's not all bad? Investigating the Long-Term Effects of Completing Compulsory Schooling during the Great Depression (Martin Karlsson, Therese Nilsson and **Stefan Pichler**)

Discussion opener: Paul Schaudt

The elasticity of voter turnout: Investing 85 cents per voter to increase voter turnout by 4 percent (**Mark Schelker** and Marco Schneider)

Discussion opener: Francesco Zucchini

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30

Session 2: INTERNATIONAL FINANCE (2)

Chair: Christian Bjørnskov

The International Finance Corporation's hidden lending motives (Axel Dreher and **Katharina Richert**)

Discussion opener: Tania Masi

Currency Crises, Stock Markets and Foreign Currency Debt: A Firm Level Analysis (**Maximilian Fleig** and Christoph Moser)

Discussion opener: Arevik Gnutzmann-Mkrtchyan

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00

Session 3: FOREIGN AID (3)

Chair: Axel Dreher

Aid and conflict at the local level – Mechanisms and causality (Kai Gehring, **Lennart Kaplan** and Melvin H.L. Wong)

Discussion opener: Axel Dreher

Does Aid Help Refugees Stay? Does Aid Keep Refugees Away? (Axel Dreher, **Andreas Fuchs** and Sarah Langlotz)

Discussion opener: Richard Bluhm

Ethnic winning coalitions and the political economy of aid (Nils-Christian Bormann, **Vera Z. Eichenauer** and Simon Hug)

Discussion opener: Melvin H.L. Wong

16:00 – 18:30

Social event (Garda lake tour)

19:30

Dinner at Palazzo Feltrinelli

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH

Have a safe trip back home and hope to see you (at the latest) next year at BBQ

LOCAL INFORMATION

Venue: Palazzo Feltrinelli
Via Castello 3, 25084 Gargnano (Brescia), Italy

Arrival: Sunday 4 June at 5 pm (Palazzo Feltrinelli will be closed before 5 pm)

Departure: Wednesday 7 June in the morning. Please note that you have to leave your room and return your key at 8.30 a.m.



Palazzo Feltrinelli is a beautiful historical Villa by Lake Garda, which is now owned by the University of Milan and dedicated to workshop and meeting activities. The Villa includes a main hall, two lecture halls, a restaurant, single/double rooms. Please note that PCs with emails and printing facilities will not be available during the workshop.

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