

## Beyond Basic Questions

### Conference Program

**Friday, 10.10. – Saturday, 11.10.2008**  
**at the Georg-August University Göttingen, MZG 1142**

<b>Friday, 10.10.08</b>
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| 14.40-14.45 | Opening / Introduction  |
| 14.45-15.30 | <b>Keynote: James R. Vreeland</b> (Yale University) and Axel Dreher (Georg-August University Göttingen), The Political Economy of the United Nations Security Council.  |
| 15.30-16.00 | Coffee Break  |
| 16.00-17.00 | <b>Session 1: Central Banking</b><br><br><b>Michael Lamla</b> (ETH Zurich) and Sarah M. Lein (Swiss National Bank), Media and Inflation, Discussion: Tobias Lechtenfeld (Georg-August University Göttingen).<br><br><b>Christoph Moser</b> (ETH Zurich) and Axel Dreher (Georg-August University Göttingen), Do Markets Care About Central Bank Governor Changes? Evidence from Emerging Markets, Discussion: Ken Hartgen (Georg-August University Göttingen).  |
| 17.15-18.15 | <b>Session 2: Theory</b><br><br><b>Susanne Lechner</b> (Georg-August University Göttingen), The right of withdrawal in the Lisbon Treaty as a threat option for member states – a game theoretical approach, Discussion: Ivo Bischoff (Justus-Liebig University Gießen).<br><br><b>Ivo Bischoff</b> (University of Giessen) and <b>Lars H.-R. Siemers</b> (RWI Essen), Good policy choices even when voters entertain biased beliefs: A model with endogenous valence, Discussion: Eva Söbbeke (Georg-August University Göttingen). |

10.15-11.15

**Session 3: Public Finance**

**Tim Krieger** (University of Paderborn) and Stefan Traub (University of Bremen), Back to Bismarck? Shifting Preferences for Intragenerational Redistribution in OECD Pension Systems, Discussion: Diana Sonntag (Chemnitz University of Technology).

**Frank Somogyi** (ETH Zurich) and Heiner Mikosch (ETH Zurich), Personality and Policy: The Impact of Political Leaders Education and Profession on Public Finance, Discussion: Jan Höffler (Georg-August University Göttingen).

11.15-11.30

Coffee break

11.30-12.30

**Session 4: International Organizations**

**Martin Gassebner** (ETH Zurich) and Axel Dreher (Georg-August University Göttingen), Do IMF and World Bank programs induce government crises? An empirical analysis, Discussion: Nils Klann (Georg-August University Göttingen).

**Axel Dreher** (Georg-August University Göttingen), James R. Vreeland (Yale University), Eric Werker (Harvard Business School), The costs of favoritism: Do international politics affect World Bank project quality? Discussion: Carola Grün (Georg-August University Göttingen).

12.30-13.45

Lunch break

13.45-14.45

**Session 5: Globalization and Politics**

**Christian Bjørnskov** (University of Aarhus), On Globalization and Human Rights: the Importance of Types of Globalization, Discussion: Seo Young Cho (Georg-August University Göttingen).

**Pierre-Guillaume Méon** (Free University of Brussels) and Khalid Sekkat (Free University of Brussels), FDI waves, waves of neglect of political risk, Discussion: Andreas Fuchs (Georg-August University Göttingen).