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Monday, October 29, 2012

- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration
- 09:00 – 09:15 Conference Opening
- 09:15 – 10:00 **Marius Brühlhart**
Do Governments Respond to Agglomeration Economies?
Evidence from Regional Grants in Great Britain (with Helen Simpson)
Discussant: Albert Solé-Ollé
- 10:00 – 10:45 **Skerdilajda Zanaj**
Mergers in Fiscal Federalism (with Marie-Laure Breuillé)
Discussant: Thomas Gresik
- 10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 – 12:00 **Benny Geys**
Party Cues in Elections under Multilevel Governance:
Theory and Evidence from U.S. States (with Jan Vermeir)
Discussant: Mark Kayser
- 12:00 – 12:45 **Marcelin Joanis**
Elections and *de facto* Expenditure Decentralization
in Canada (with Mario Jametti)
Discussant: Grégoire Rota-Graziosi
- 12:45 – 14:30 Lunch break
- 14:30 – 15:15 **Justin Valasek**
Efficiency in International Unions (with Jenny Simon)
Discussant: Thomas König
- 15:15 – 16:00 **Enrico Spolaore**
Conflict Across and Within Borders
Discussant: Matthias Wrede
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30 – 17:15 **Gerald Schneider**
Smoke with Fire: Financial Crises, Institutional Reform, and
the Future of EU Democracy (with Federica Genovese)
Discussant: Rhea Molato
- 17:15 – 18:00 **Jan K. Brueckner**
Partial Fiscal Decentralization and Public-Sector Heterogeneity:
Theory and Evidence from Norway (with Lars-Erik Borge and Jørn Rattsø)
Discussant: John Ashworth
- 19:30 Conference dinner



Tuesday, October 30, 2012

- 09:15 – 10:00 **Thomas König**
Fiscal Governance in the Eurozone: How Effective does the Stability and Growth Pact Limit Public Debt? (with Sebastian Köhler)
Discussant: Karl Wärneryd
- 10:00 – 10:45 **Federico Revelli**
Business Taxation and Economic Performance
in Hierarchical Government Structure
Discussant: Johannes Rincke
- 10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 – 12:00 **James M. Snyder Jr.**
Primary Elections and the Quality of Elected Officials
(with Shigeo Hirano)
Discussant: Jon Fiva
- 12:00 – 12:45 **Eckhard Janeba**
Will the German Debt Brake Succeed?
Survey Evidence from German State Politicians
(with Friedrich Heinemann, Christoph Schröder and Frank Streif)
Discussant: Nicolas Sahuguet
- 12:45 – 14:30 Lunch break
- 14:30 – 15:15 **Thiess Büttner**
Tax Competition among Federations (with Johannes Becker)
Discussant: Jørn Rattsø
- 15:15 – 16:00 **Sebastian Kessing**
Regional Investment Incentives in a Federation:
An Optimal Taxation Approach (Benny Schneider)
Discussant: Niels Johannesen
- 16:00 – 16:30 Reception and closing of conference

