



Third Summer School in Trade, Industrialisation and Development

Political Economics and Economic Development

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**Study Center Gerzensee
Switzerland**

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General Description

The school intends to provide an intensive training course for young research students and scholars who are working in the fields of international economics and development. This year it will focus on Political Economics and Economic Development. The school is open to students from all countries. Students are expected to attend the school full time. The lecturer is Daron Acemoglu, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, one of the leading economists working in this field.

The school is organised as part of the Research Training Network in 'Trade Industrialisation and Development' funded by the European Commission. The network includes the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR); the London School of Economics; the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration; the Département et Laboratoire d'Economie Théorique et Appliquée (DELTA), Paris; the European Centre for Advanced Research in Economics and Statistics (ECARES) at Université Libre de Bruxelles; Trinity College Dublin; the Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano, University of Milan; the Tinbergen Institute, and University of Rotterdam.

For further and updated information and teaching material, please refer to the website of the Study Center Gerzensee <http://www.szgerzensee.ch> or the network's website at <http://www.cepr.org/research/Networks/tid/wkcn.htm>.

Lectures

Political Economics and Economic Development

This course will give an introduction to the main issues of political economy, focusing on the political economy of development.

It will begin with a brief review of some of the stylized facts of economic development and the importance of thinking about policies and institutions. This part will also discuss some recent work on the causal effect of institutions on long-run economic development.

The bulk of the course will discuss models of political economy. After a brief review of static models, in particular, voting, party competition and lobbying models, the lectures will focus on dynamic models of political economy with applications to economic development, emergence and consolidation of democracy, enforcement of property rights, and the role of the state in economic development.

Participants

The school is targeted to doctorate and post-doctorate students in economics and related disciplines.

Applications and deadlines

The participants will be selected by the Selection Committee on the basis of the information included in the application forms. Candidates should fill in the enclosed form and return it to Professor Philippe Bacchetta at the Study Center Gerzensee, fax no.: +41/31 780 31 00 **by April 15, 2005**. Candidates will be notified **by May 20, 2005**.

Fees and Scholarships

During the course participants will live at the Study Center Gerzensee in single or double rooms (depending on booking situation). Participants will be charged CHF 1300 covering registration, meals, boarding and background material. We hope to be able to offer a limited number of grants covering travelling expenses and fee waivers.

Location

Study Center Gerzensee, Switzerland. Information about the Study Center Gerzensee is found at <http://www.szgerzensee.ch>.

Foreign participants are advised to travel to Zurich, Geneva or Bern airports. Zurich is the most convenient international airport, but Geneva is a possible alternative. On arrival, you should take a train to Bern train station, from where you are advised to take the bus provided by the local organizers. It is advisable to catch a train from Bern station to Wichtrach (approximately 20 minutes), and from there a bus to Gerzensee (5 minutes). For detailed information on the available connections, see <http://www.sbb.ch>.

Bern Airport is closest to Gerzensee, although direct flights are only available from Berlin, Munich, Vienna and Amsterdam. Participants arriving at Bern should note that the flight lands just outside Bern in a town called Belp.

More detailed information about the summer school will be provided to participants in due course.