



Programme

Conference on Reforming Public Service Delivery

University of Lausanne, IDHEAP
May 15 – 16, 2014

Conference Organizers

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Conference Venue

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08:45 – 09:15 **Registration**

09:15 – 10:30 **Welcome Address: Laure Athias (University of Lausanne)**
1st Keynote Lecture: Eduardo Engel (Yale University and University of Chile)
« The Economics of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs): A Basic Guide »

10:30 – 10:50 **Coffee break**

Session 1 – Organizational Choices I (Chair: Eduardo Engel)

10:50 – 11:25 Andrei Dementiev (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)
 « Organizational Choice in the Public Sector »

11:25 – 12:00 Marco Buso (University of Padua)
 « Public and Private Finance of PPPs », with L. Greco

12:00 – 12:35 Simon Schnyder (University of Lorraine, Nancy)
 « Public Investment and Revenue Shocks: The Role of PPPs », with L. Athias

12:35 – 13:35 **Lunch at Geopolis**

Session 2 – Organizational Choices II (Chair: Stéphane Saussier)

13:35 – 14:10 Pascal Wicht (University of Lausanne)
 « Cultural Biases in Government Make-or-Buy Decisions: Evidence from a
 Regression Discontinuity Approach », with L. Athias

14:10 – 14:45 Susan Steed (University of Bristol)
 « To Profit or Not to Profit: Legal Help Providers in the Standard Contract »

14:45 – 14:55 **Short break**

Session 3 – Public Service Delivery Efficiency (Chair: Laure Athias)

14:55 – 15:30 Friedrich Poeschel (Humboldt University, Berlin)
 « Assignment vs. Choice: Lessons from Training Vouchers »

15:30 – 16:05 Daniel Avdic (University of Duisburg-Essen)
 « Learning-by-Doing in a High-Skill Profession when Stakes are high:
 Evidence from Advanced Cancer Surgery », with P. Lundborg and J. Vikström

16:05 – 16:40 Lisa Chever (Sorbonne Business School, Paris)
 « The Direct and Indirect Effect of Safety Regulation on Service Quality: A
 Cautionary Tale from the French 'Robien Law' », with M. Klien

16:40 – 17:00 **Coffee break**

17:00 – 18:00 **2nd Keynote Lecture: Stéphane Saussier (IAE, University of Paris 1)**
**« Renegotiations, Discretion and Contract Renewals: An Empirical Analysis
 of Public-Private Agreements »**

19:00 **Social Dinner in town at « Le Lyrique »**

09:00 – 10:00 **3rd Keynote Lecture: Mario Jametti (University of Lugano and CESifo)**
« Does Tax Competition Tame the Leviathan? »

10:00 – 10:20 **Coffee break**

Session 4 – Political Economy of Public Revenue and Spending (Chair : Mario Jametti)

- 10:20 – 10:55 Tanja Kirn (University of Liechtenstein)
 « Fiscal Equalization with Hidden Information and Hidden Action »
- 10:55 – 11:30 Florian Chatagny (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich)
 « Incentive Effects of Fiscal Rules on the Finance Minister’s Behaviour: Evidence from Revenue Projections in Swiss Cantons »
- 11:30 – 12:05 Stephan Fretz (University of St. Gallen)
 « Parties, Political Competition, and Infrastructure Expenditures: Evidence from U.S. States »

12:05 – 13:30 **Lunch at « Chez Nino»**

Session 5 – Quality and Accountability of Public Officials (Chair: Thierry Madiès)

- 13:30 – 14:05 Piera Bello (University of Lugano)
 « Gender Quotas and the Quality of Politicians », with A. Baltrunaite, A. Casarico and P. Profeta
- 14:05 – 14:40 John Moore (Sorbonne Business School, Paris)
 « Do Politicians Procure Their Way to Congress? An Empirical Analysis of Public Procurement and Elections », with E. Chong and M. Klien
- 14:40 – 15:15 Divya Guru Rajan (Duke University)
 « The Saliency of Information in the Monitoring of Public Health Services in India »

15.15 – 15:35 **Coffee break**

Session 6 – Motivation and Incentives of Public-Services Providers (Chair: Marnix Amand)

- 15:35 – 16:10 Nicoleta Acatrinei (University of Lausanne)
 « Determinants of Pro-Social Behaviour in the Delivery of Public Services: Theory and Evidence from Swiss employees »
- 16:10 – 16:45 Pia Homrighausen (Federal Employment Agency, Nuremberg)
 « Do They Work Hard for Their Money? Effects of Different Compensation Schemes on Private Provider Performance »

Guideline for Presentation

A presentation should be limited to 25 minutes (including questions), after which 10 minutes should be allocated for discussion.

Conference Venue

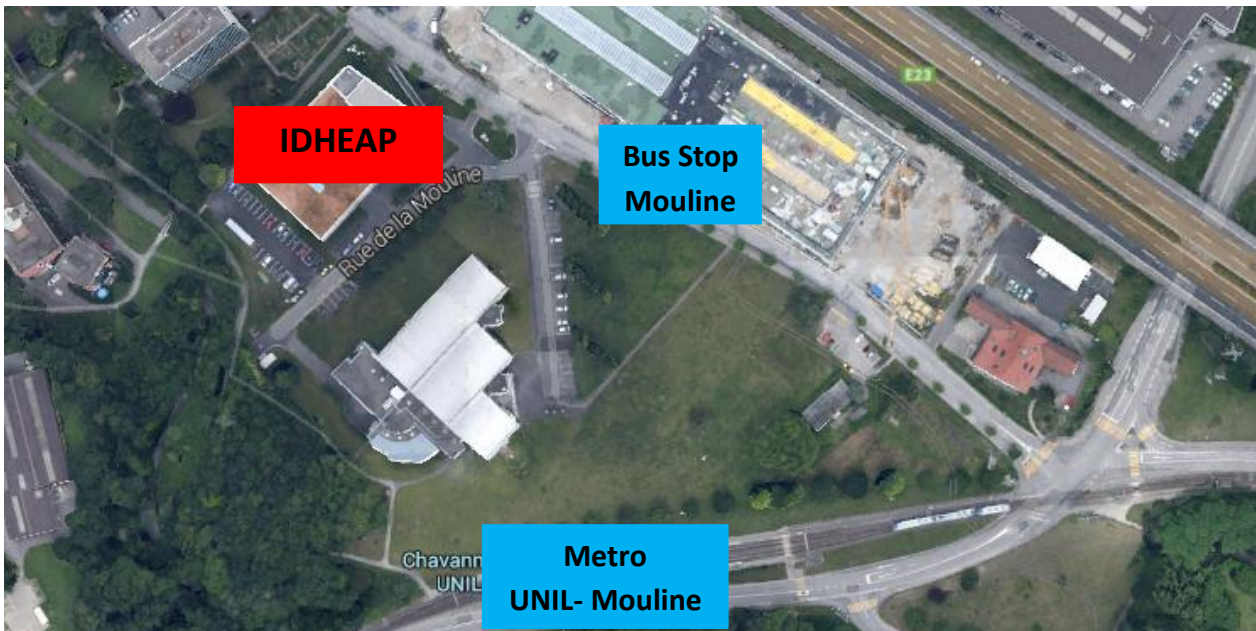
The conference will be located **at IDHEAP building** at Lausanne University.

Address: Quartier UNIL Mouline, CH 1015 Lausanne.

How to get there:

From Lausanne Train Station: Take the Metro M2 at “Lausanne-Gare ” in direction to “Sallaz” or “Croisette” and get off at the stop “Lausanne-Flon”. Then, take the Metro M1 in direction to “Renens Gare” and get off at the stop “UNIL-Mouline”. IDHEAP building is only 200m away.

From Renens: In front of the railway station, take the bus n° 31, direction “Venoge Sud/Saint-Sulpice” and get off at the stop “Mouline”. IDHEAP building is just on your right.



Conference Dinner

The conference dinner will take place at the **Restaurant “Le Lyrique”**.

Address: Rue Beau-Séjour 29, 1003 Lausanne.

How to get there:

From Lausanne Train Station, Take the bus Nr. 1 in direction to “Blécherette” and get off at the stop “Georgette”, or walk (see map, about 10 minutes).



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