

THE ROLE OF INCENTIVES, INFORMATION AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC SERVICES

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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER

09.30 – 10.00	Registration and Coffee
Session 1:	
10.00 - 11.00	Optimal Delegation with a Finite Number of States *Vincent Anesi (University of Nottingham) Daniel J. Seidmann (University of Nottingham)
<i>Discussant:</i>	<i>Guido Maretto (ECARES)</i>
11.00 - 12.00	Optimal Public Rationing and Price Response *Simona Grassi (Université de Lausanne) Ching-to Albert Ma (Boston University)
<i>Discussant:</i>	<i>Sanxi Li (Toulouse School of Economics)</i>
12.00 - 12.30	Coffee Break
12.30 - 13.30	The Dynamics of Prices in Auctions with Financial Constraints Pablo Beker (University of Warwick) *Ángel Hernando-Veciana (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)
<i>Discussant:</i>	<i>Ian Jewitt (University of Oxford and CEPR)</i>
13.30 - 14.30	Lunch
Session 2:	

14.30 - 15.30 | **Public versus private ownership: Quantity contracts and the allocation of investment tasks**
 *Eva Hoppe (University of Cologne)
 Patrick W. Schmitz (University of Cologne)

Discussant: | *Pierre Picard (Université de Luxembourg)*

20.00 | **Dinner**

FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER

Session 3:

09.00 - 10.00 | **Curbing Cream-Skimming: Evidence on Enrolment Incentives**
 *Pascal Courty (European University Institute and CEPR)
 Do-Han Kim (University at Albany)
 Gerald Marschke (University at Albany)

Discussant: | *Matthew Dickson (CMPO – Bristol University)*

10.00 - 11.00 | **Public Sector Employees: Risk Averse and Altruistic?**
 Margaretha Buurman (Erasmus University)
 *Robert Dur (Erasmus University)
 Seth Van den Bossche (TNO)

Discussant: | *Paul Grout (CMPO – Bristol University and CEPR)*

11.00 - 11.30 | **Coffee Break**

11.30 - 12.30 | **Managerial Talent, Motivation, and Self-Selection into Public Management**
 *Josse Delfgaauw (Erasmus University)
 Robert Dur (Erasmus University)

Discussant: | *Patrick Legros (ECARES and CEPR)*

12.30 - 13.30 | **Creaming-skimming, Parking and other Intended and Unintended Effects of Performance-Based Contracting**
 Carolyn J. Heinrich (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
 *Pierre Koning (Centraal Plan Bureau)

Discussant: | *Paddy Carter (CMPO – Bristol University)*

13.30 - 14.30 | **Lunch**

14.30 - 15.30 | **Government Opportunism in Public-Private Partnerships**
 Vanessa Valero (Université de Toulouse I)

Discussant: | *Heiko Karle (ECARES)*

15.30 | **End of Conference**

* Indicates the presenter.

Speakers have 40 minutes to present and discussants 10 minutes, leaving 10 minutes for general discussion.

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