Welcome to the Newsletter for PEF students at the University of St. Gallen.

Twice a year we inform you about News, Events, Lectures, Seminars, Alumni.

PEF students

Total number of students: 51

Economics: 21
Finance: 13
Econometrics: 17

New PEF students
Economics: Enea Baselgia, Florian Dendorfer, Tian Gao, Nadia Myohl
Econometrics: Sandro Heiniger, Tri Minh Phan, Jeannine Polivka, Carmen Zürcher

We wish them a good start!

Events

Career Day for Economists

Keynote: Rudolf Minsch, Economiesuisse
Wed, 13 March 2019, 6:00 PM

Save the date: 13th March 2019

At our next Career Day for Economists we are happy to welcome Rudolf Minsch, Deputy Chair of the Executive Board at Economiesuisse.
We are looking forward to his keynote followed by an Apéro, where you will have the chance to ask MEcon and MiQE/F alumni about their first career steps. Don’t miss the chance to meet your fellow students and alumni to network and gain first hand insights.

**PEF/PIF Poster Seminar Session**

**Monday 13th May 16:00-20:00 room 01-014**

All PEF and PIF students are welcome!

**Economics public lecture series: "Ökonomie und Digitalisierung: Herausforderungen für die Schweiz"**

Organized by the Institute of Economics (FGN-HSG)

Keynote followed by panel discussion with guests and the public, Apéro

**19th February 18.15-19.45 Uhr, Room 09-011**

- *Künstliche Intelligenz im Gesundheitswesen: Chancen und Herausforderungen*

  Prof. Dr. Marcel Salathé, École Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne

  Panel discussion with Prof. Dr. Marcel Salathé, Prof. Dr. Ludewig Burkhard, Kantonsspital St.Gallen, Dr. Simone Wyss Fedele, Novartis, and Prof. Dr. Thomas Epper, University of St.Gallen

**12th March 18.15-19.45 Uhr, Room 09-011**

- *Zu den ökonomischen & rechtlichen Eigenheiten von digitalen Märkten aus Sicht des Preisüberwachers*

  Dr. Stefan Meierhans, Preisüberwacher, Bern

  Panel discussion with Dr. Stefan Meierhans, Markus Näf, CEO SwissSign, Prof. Dr. Stefan Bühler, University of St.Gallen

**26th March 18.15-19.45 Uhr, Room 09-012**

- *Finanzplatz Schweiz: Wohin?*

  Prof. Dr. Aymo Brunetti, University of Bern

  Panel discussion with Prof. Dr. Aymo Brunetti, Prof. Dr. Pascal Gantenbein, University Basel und Vizepräsident Verwaltungsrat Raiffeisen Schweiz, Dr. Sabine Keller-Busse, Group Chief Operating Officer and Member of the
Jöhr-Lecture May 2019

on 24th May at 11.15 Prof. Philippe Aghion, PhD, will give the Jöhr-Lecture 2019 (room 09-011).

Philippe Aghion is Professor at College de France, at the London School of Economics and Visiting Professor at the Department of Economics of the University of Harvard.

The lecture will be followed by an Apéro.

PEF PhD Courses Spring Term FS19

**Econometrics**

**Spatial Econometrics**, Prof. Z. Adams and R. Füss*

**Statistical Learning and Applications**, Prof. C. De Mol*

**Advanced Microeconometrics**, Prof. M. Frölich*

**Computational Statistics**, Prof. F. Audrino*

**Econometrics of Big Data**, Prof. C. Hansen and Prof. M. Spindler*

**Time Series Analysis - Advanced Methods**, Prof. C. Trenkler*

**Economics**

**Topics in International Economics**, Prof. Marc Mündler

**Finance**

**Quantitative Behavioural Finance with Applications**, Prof. E. De Giorgi

**Quantitative Asset Management**, Prof. A. Kind and R. Seiz

**Resampling Methods and Forecasting**, Prof. L. Camponovo*

**Topics in Financial Intermediation**, Prof. M. Brown*

* joint PEF / GSERM

* PIF
**PhD Seminar**

F. Audrino & M. Lechner

**Schedule and more information**

**PhD seminar regulations**
The students choose together with their supervisors a date for their presentation. Two weeks before the first seminar students apply to the Executive Director for slots and hand in the presentation slides/papers.

Students who present a paper must also discuss a paper. Guidelines will be provided and the professors responsible for the PhD seminar will assign students to discuss the presented papers.

Students' mandatory attendance is set to **75%** for the **PhD seminar**. The Executive Director will have detailed information on students' explanations for not attending the seminars and inform the Programme Committee accordingly.

**Literature Seminar**

P. Bonev & M. Fengler & C. Keuschnigg

**Schedule and more information**

Starting with the spring semester 2019 Literature Seminars will be organized like **reading groups**. We will offer the following **reading groups** in FS19:

- **Financial markets** - including microstructural aspects, predictions (M. Fengler)

- **International trade** - including macroeconomic modelling and financial aspects; development economics and inequality; gains from trade; technological progress; monetary policy; money and banking (C. Keuschnigg)

- **Decision behaviors** - including the impact of stereotypes on individual's decision making; reference-dependent preferences (P. Bonev)

You may find the lectures schedule and course descriptions on the [PEF website](#) or on [Stundenplan online](#).

**Seminars offered by the Department of**
**Economics**

To receive the weekly Seminars Newsletter email seps@unisg.ch

**Research Seminar Economics**

**Brown Bag Seminar Economics**

**Big Data Seminar** (Interdisciplinary)

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**GSERM**

The GSERM Global School in Empirical Research Methods at the University of St.Gallen is a 3.5 week integrated programme teaching research methodology.

GSERM will take place in St. Gallen from **3 - 21 June 2019**.

PEF students may attend summer school courses. You may ask for more information on registration, courses and crediting at pef@unisg.ch

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**Prizes**

Dmitry Borisenko and Igor Pozdeev recently received another award ‘Best Paper on Fixed Income’ for their joint paper ‘Monetary Policy and Currency Returns: the Foresight Saga’. The award was given by the XXVI Finance Forum conference 2018.

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Public defences held in HS18:**

**Adam Pigon** (Supervisor: W. Königer)
*Essays in Economics*

**Yauhen Baikou** (Supervisor: E. De Giorgi)
*Essays on Behavioural Finance in Sports betting and Financial markets*

**Dmitry Borisenko** (Supervisor: A. Ranaldo)
*Three Essays on International Finance*

**Thomas Spycher** (Supervisor: M. Brown)
*Essays on Financial Decision Making*

Our public defences are open to the public and everybody is welcome!
**PEF Alumni**

**Michael Knaus** (2018) is Assistant Professor, SEPS, University of St. Gallen (starting spring semester 2019).

**Irene Fensore** (2018) is Consultant at GES Deloitte.