

Riederau Workshop on People's Understanding of and Support for Economic Policies

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Program

Presenting authors are denoted in capital letters | Timing: 20 minutes presentation and 10 minutes discussion for regular talks

Arrival – Tuesday, 8 September 2026

18:00-19.30 Dinner

Day 1 – Wednesday, 9 September 2026

07:00 – 08:50 Breakfast

08:50 – 09:00 Welcome and introduction

Session 1

09:00 – 10:00 **Keynote lecture:**
DMITRY TAUBINSKY (UC BERKELEY)
Politically and behaviorally constrained policy design

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break

Session 2

10:30 – 11:00 **Costly Distractions: Focusing on Individual Behavior Undermines Support for Systemic Reforms**
David Hagmann, YI-TSEN LIAO (CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY), Nick Chater, and George Loewenstein

11:00 – 11:30 **Equilibrium Neglect and Political Feasibility**
BNAYA DREYFUSS (UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH)

11:30 – 12:00 **The New York Congestion Charge**
Stefano Carattini, Jonathan Hall, Axel Ockenfels, KLAUS SCHMIDT (LMU MUNICH), and Ravi Vora

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

Session 3

13:30 – 14:00 **Levelling Up by Levelling Down: The Economic and Political Costs of Brexit**
ELEONORA ALABRESE (UNIVERSITY OF BATH), Jacob Edenhofer, Thiemo Fetzer, and Shizhuo Wang

14:00 – 14:30 **Depopulation paradox? Exploring the impact of depopulation risk on immigration policy preferences**
JUNGHYUN LIM (UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL)

14:30 – 15:00 **Life-Cycle Responses to Pension Reform: The Role of Subjective Policy Beliefs**
Maximilian Blesch and BRUNO VELTRI (UNIVERSITÄT LEIPZIG)

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

Session 4

- 15:30 – 16:00 **Does Understanding Tax Shifting Shift Tax Preferences?**
SARAH NECKER (IFO INSTITUTE / FAU), Lisa Windsteiger, and Fabian Böhme
- 16:00 – 16:30 **Economic Literacy: Measurement, Expectations, and Policy Views**
RAPHAEL BRADE (IFO INSTITUTE), Henning Hermes, Tim Kaiser, Sarah Necker, Anke Windisch, and Ludger Woessmann
- 16:30 – 17:00 **Why do Governments Overpromise and Underdeliver? Evidence from India's National Clean Air Programme**
Archana Dhinakar Bala, MARTIN MATTSSON (NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE), and Sangita Vyas
- 17:00 – 17:30 **Break**

Session 5

- 17:30 – 18:00 **What You Don't Know May Hurt You: Preferences Over Mental And External States**
GONZALO ARRIETA (UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH) and Lukas Bolte
- 18:00 – 18:30 **Paternalism Across the World**
Bjørn Bartling, Alexander Cappelen, Henning Hermes, AKSHAY MOORTHY (UNIVERSITY OF LAUSANNE), Marit Skivenes, and Bertil Tungodden
- 18:30 – 19:30 **Dinner**

Day 2 – Thursday, 10 September 2026

07:00 – 08:45

Breakfast

Session 6

08:45 – 09:15

Risk Denial and Meritocracy

Melisa Kurtis and MARTEN RITTERRATH (VATT INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH)

09:15 – 09:45

Not in My Basement: How Cost Perceptions and Reform Narratives Undermine Clean-Energy Transitions.

Michael Bechtel, NILS BLOSSEY (UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE), and Paul Michel

09:45 – 10:15

Fairness Views about the International Distribution of Climate Change Costs

DAVIDE PACE (LMU MUNICH) and Johanna Kober

10:15 – 10:45

Coffee break

Session 7

10:45 – 11:15

Revealed Preference for Redistribution and the Role of Government

Matthias Rodemeier and GREGORY SUN (WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS)

11:15 – 11:45

Information Acquisition and Trust in Public Institutions: Experimental Evidence

Guglielmo Briscese and MADDALENA GRIGNANI (UNIVERSITY POMPEU FABRA)

11:45 – 12:00

Break

Session 8

12:00 – 13:00

Keynote lecture:

MARCELLA ALSAN (STANFORD UNIVERSITY)

Organized Medicine and the Political Economy of Health Insurance

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

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