



Universität St.Gallen

Verein für Socialpolitik, Standing Field Committee
Regional and Urban Economics

Annual Meeting, 01-02 October 2026, St. Gallen

Location: Weiterbildungszentrum Holzweid, Holzstrasse 15, 9010 St. Gallen

Wednesday, 30 September

19:00 **Dinner at Restaurant Seeger** (Oberer Graben 2)

Thursday, 01 October

08:45-09:00 **Arrival and Welcome**
Ferdinand Rauch (U St. Gallen) and Tobias Seidel (U Duisburg-Essen)

Session 1 (Chair: Matthias Wrede)

- 09:00-09:40 **Regional Majorities**
Paul Schaudt (KU Leuven)
- 09:40-10:20 **Building Capacity in the Public Administration: Evidence from German Reunification**
Nadja Dwenger (U Hohenheim)
- 10:20-11:00 **Cross-border Flows in Construction: The Myth of the Non-tradable Sector**
Martina Kirchberger (Trinity College Dublin)

11:00-11:30 *Coffee Break*

Session 2 (Chair: Stephan Maurer)

- 11:30-12:10 **When is Long-Run Agglomeration Possible? Evidence from County Seat Wars**
Amrita Kulka (U Warwick)
- 12:10-12:50 **Schooled by Trade? Retraining and Import Competition**
Lucas Conwell (UCL)
- 12:50-14:00 *Lunch*



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Session 3 (Chair: Max von Ehrlich)

- 14:00-14:40 **Birthplace Urbanicity and Lifetime Labor-Market Outcomes - Evidence from Forced Migration Due to World War II**
Joachim Möller (U Regensburg)
- 14:40-15:20 **The Path of Pollution and Destruction - Tracing Historical Drivers of Inequality in German Cities**
Melanie Krause (U Leipzig)

15:20-15:40 *Coffee Break*

Session 4 (Chair: Melanie Krause)

- 15:40-16:20 **The Fragility of the Global Trading System**
Stephan Maurer (Pompeu Fabra)
- 16:20-17:00 **Political Incentives in Local Tax Setting: Evidence from the German Property Tax Reform**
Matthias Wrede (U Erlangen-Nürnberg)

18:30 **Dinner at Brasserie LOK** (Grünbergstrasse 7)

Friday, 02 October

Keynote (Chair: Ferdinand Rauch):

- 9:00-10:20 **Slum Demolitions without Rehousing: Long-run Evidence from Victorian London**
Guy Michaels (LSE)

10:20-10:45 *Coffee Break*

Session 5 (Chair: Lucas Conwell):

- 10:45-11:25 **Incidence, Allocation, and Efficiency Costs of Tenancy Rent Control**
Max von Ehrlich (U Bern)
- 11:25-12:05 **Matching and Agglomeration**
Sebastian Findeisen (U Konstanz)
- 12:05-12:45 **The Geography of Science**
Peter Egger (ETH Zurich)
- 12:45-13:15 *Lunch*
- 13:15-14:15 **General Meeting (Mitgliederversammlung)**