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**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Meeting on  
Economic Geography and International Trade (EGIT)  
Frankfurt am Main, 19-20 February 2016**

**Program**

**Friday, 19 February**

- 12:00-12:30                      *Registration and light buffet lunch*
- 12:30-13:15                      **Marcus Biermann, London School of Economics**  
Trade and the Size Distribution of Firms: Historical Evidence from  
the German Empire  
*Discussant: Jens Südekum, Universität Düsseldorf*
- 13:15-14:00                      **Konstantin Büchel, Universität Bern (with Stephan Kyburz)**  
Fast Track to Growth? The Impact of Railroads on Regional  
Economic Development in 19th Century Switzerland  
*Discussant: Daniel Heuermann, Universität Regensburg*
- 14:00-14:30                      *Coffee Break*
- 14:30-15:30                      **Marius Brülhart, Université de Lausanne (Keynote)**  
Trade and Towns: Heterogeneous Adjustment to a Border Shock  
(with Céline Carrère and Frédéric Robert-Nicoud)
- 15:30-16:15                      **Julian Hinz, Paris School of Economics**  
The View from Space: Theory-Based Time-Varying Distances in the  
Gravity Model  
*Discussant: Steven Brakman, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen*
- 16:15-16:45                      *Coffee Break*
- 16:45-17:30                      **Marcel Henkel, Universität Duisburg-Essen**  
The Role of Urbanization for Wage Inequality in Germany  
*Discussant: Wolfgang Dauth, Universität Würzburg*
- 17:30-18:15                      **Mariona Segú, Université Paris Sud (with Benjamin Vignolles)**  
Taxing Vacant Apartments: Can Fiscal Policy Reduce Vacancy?  
*Discussant: Marius Brülhart, Université de Lausanne*
- 19:00                                Conference Dinner, Apfelwein Wagner (Schweizer Str. 71, 60594  
Frankfurt am Main) [Link to Map](#)

## Saturday, 20 February

- 09:00-09:45 **Florian Unger, Universität München**  
The Role of Financial Intermediation in International Trade  
*Discussant: Sebastian Krauthaim, Universität Passau*
- 09:45-10:30 **Inga Heiland, Ifo Institut**  
The Cost of Demand Volatility for Exporters with Risk-Averse Investors  
*Discussant: Andrea Ciani, Universität Düsseldorf*
- 10:30-11:00 *Coffee Break*
- 11:00-11:45 **Philipp Richter, TU Dresden (with Udo Kreickemeier)**  
Strategic Environmental Policy in General Equilibrium  
*Discussant: Michael Pflüger, Universität Würzburg*
- 11:45-12:30 **Linda Borrs, IAB and Florian Knauth, Universität Düsseldorf**  
Causal Effect of Trade on Wage Components  
*Discussant: Gabriel Felbermayr, Ifo and Universität München*
- 12:30-13:30 *Lunch and end of conference*

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## Useful information

### Conference Venue

House of Finance, Room: Deutsche Bank

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### Presentations

The time allocation is 28 min. presentation, 7 min. discussant, 10 min. general discussion.  
The conference venue is fully equipped. Please bring your slides along on an USB stick.

### Conference dinner

There will be a choice between a vegetarian and a non-vegetarian meal. Please advise us in advance if you have any dietary needs.

### How to get to the Conference Venue via public transport?

Open the [Link to the Map](#) and click on centralstation or Frankfurt Airport to find detailed information.