



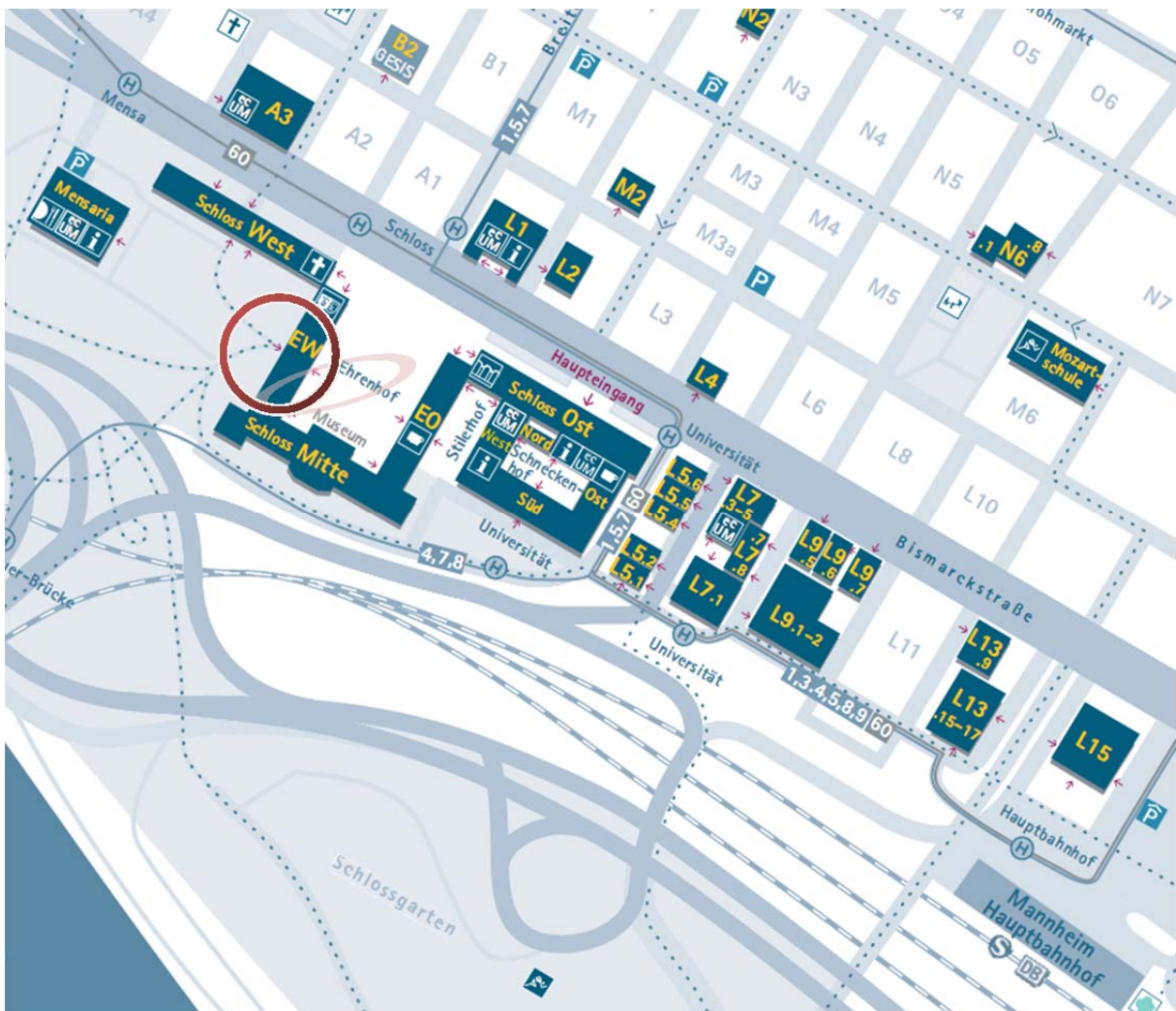
**SFB 884 Research Conference**  
**"Evaluation of Political Reforms"**  
12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2012  
University of Mannheim  
Schloss/Castle, Ehrenhof West (EW)  
first floor, room 151

Scientific Committee:

Gerard van den Berg; Markus Frölich; Christina Gathmann;  
Thomas König; Enno Mammen; Andrea Weber

Organizing Team:

Stephan M. Solomon; Robert Läufer





Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> of December

9:00-9:15 Welcome by the Rector of the University of Mannheim,  
Professor Dr. Ernst-Ludwig von Thadden  
and Professor Dr. Thomas König (Speaker of the SFB 884)

9:15-10:15 **Richard Blundell (Keynote Speaker):** **Female Labour Supply,  
Human Capital and Tax Reform**

10:15-10:40 *Coffee break*

**Session: Political economy of reforms I (Chair: Sven-Oliver Proksch)**

10:40-11:10 Eckhard Janeba: Will the German Debt Brake Succeed?  
Survey Evidence from State Politicians

11:10-11:40 Thomas König: Reforming the Euro-Zone ? - A Synthetic Control Analysis  
of Public Dept Development in European Countries

11:40-11:55 *Coffee break*

**Session: Evaluation of reforms of property taxation (Chair: Markus Frölich)**

11:55-12:40 Henrik Kleven: The Effect of Property Transaction Taxes  
on the Housing Market: Evidence from Notches in the UK

12:40-14:00 *Lunch break (individual; see map)*

**Session: Reforms of education systems (Chair: Andrea Weber)**

14:00-14:45 Peter Fredriksson: Education reform in Sweden: Behavioral responses  
to class size variation

14:45-15:15 Verena Niepel: School choice reform in Sweden

15:15-15:30 *Coffee break*

**Session: Econometrics Methods I (Chair: Enno Mammen)**

15:30-16:15 Dennis Kristensen: Nonparametric Identification and Estimation  
of Multiple Choice Models

16:15-17:00 Bryan Graham: Identification and efficient estimation  
of average match functions

17:00-17:15 *Coffee break*

**Session: Econometric methods II (Chair: Carsten Trenkler)**

17:15-17:45 Christoph Breunig: Specification Testing in Nonparametric Instrumental  
Quantile Regression

17:45-18:15 Petyo Bonev: Evaluation of reform with nonparametric IV

ca. 18:30- ... **Visiting the Mannheim Christmas Market or Individual Dinner (see map)**



Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> of December

**Session: Evaluation of pension reforms (Chair: James Lo)**

- 9:00-9:45 Martin Huber: The effect of firms' partial retirement policies on the labour market outcomes of their employees
- 9:45-10:15 Andrea Weber: Nonparametric Evidence on the Effects of Financial Incentives on Retirement Decisions

10:15-10:30 *Coffee break*

**Session: Evaluation of reforms of public health systems (Chair: Bernhard Ebbinghaus)**

- 10:30-11:15 Carol Propper: Death by Market Power: Reform, Competition and Patient Outcomes in the National Health Service
- 11:15-11:45 James Lo: How do Public Health Expansions Vary by Income Strata? Evidence from Illinois' All-Kids Program

11:45-12:00 *Coffee break*

**Session: German Internet Panel - A Project of the SFB 884 (Chair: Thomas König)**

- 12:00-12:30 Annelies Blom: The German Internet Panel

12:30-14:00 *Lunch break (individual; see map)*

**Session: Reforms of family policies (Chair: Markus Frölich)**

- 14:00-14:45 Rafael Lalive: Parental Leave and Mothers' Careers: The Relative Importance of Job Protection and Cash Benefits
- 14:45-15:15 Annette Bergemann: Maternal Labor Supply after Birth: Effects of a Reform of Parental Leave Benefits in Germany

15:15-15:30 *Coffee break*

**Session: Evaluation of human capital formation (Chair: Annette Bergemann)**

- 15:30-16:15 Michael Lechner: Do Firms Benefit from Active Labour Market Policies?
- 16:15-17:00 Bas van der Klaauw: The returns to medical school: evidence from admission lotteries

17:00-17:15 *Coffee break*

**Session: Evaluation of reforms of active and passive labor market policies (Chair: Gerard van den Berg)**

- 17:15-18:00 Steffen Künn: Getting Back into the Labor Market: The Effects of Start-Up Subsidies for Unemployed Females
- 18:00-18:45 Johannes Schmieder: The Effect of Unemployment Insurance Extensions on Reemployment Wages

ca. 19:30- ... **Official Conference Dinner (Invited Speakers only !)**



Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> of December

**Session: Political Economy of reforms II (Chair: Christina Gathmann)**

9:00-9:45	Per Pettersson-Lidbom:	Democracy, Redistribution, and Political Participation: Evidence from Sweden 1919-1938
9:45-10:30	Tommaso Nannicini:	Policy Responses to Fiscal Restraints: A Difference-in-Discontinuities Design

10:30-10:45 *Coffee break*

**Session: Political Economy of reforms III (Chair: Eckhard Janeba)**

10:45-11:15	Sona and Matt Golder:	Power and Politics: Insights from an Exit, Voice, and Loyalty Game
11:15-11:45	Christina Gathmann:	Trial and Error? Policy Experimentation during the US Welfare Reform
11:45-12:30	Daniel Sturm:	The Impact of Public Employment? Evidence from Bonn

12:30-14:00 *Lunch break (individual; see map)*

14:00-15:00	<b>David Card (Keynote Speaker):</b>	<b>Workplace Heterogeneity and the Rise of Wage Inequality in Germany</b>
15:00-15:15	Markus Frölich	Summary and Farewell

**Poster:**

Carsten Jentsch, Julian Koltes, Eun Ryung Lee, Enno Mammen and Carsten Trenkler:  
*Penalized Approach for Estimating Party Positions with Time-Varying Word Weights from Texts*

Perihan Saygin, Andrea Weber, Michèle Weynandt:  
*Effect of Past Coworkers on Job Search: Evidence from Austria*

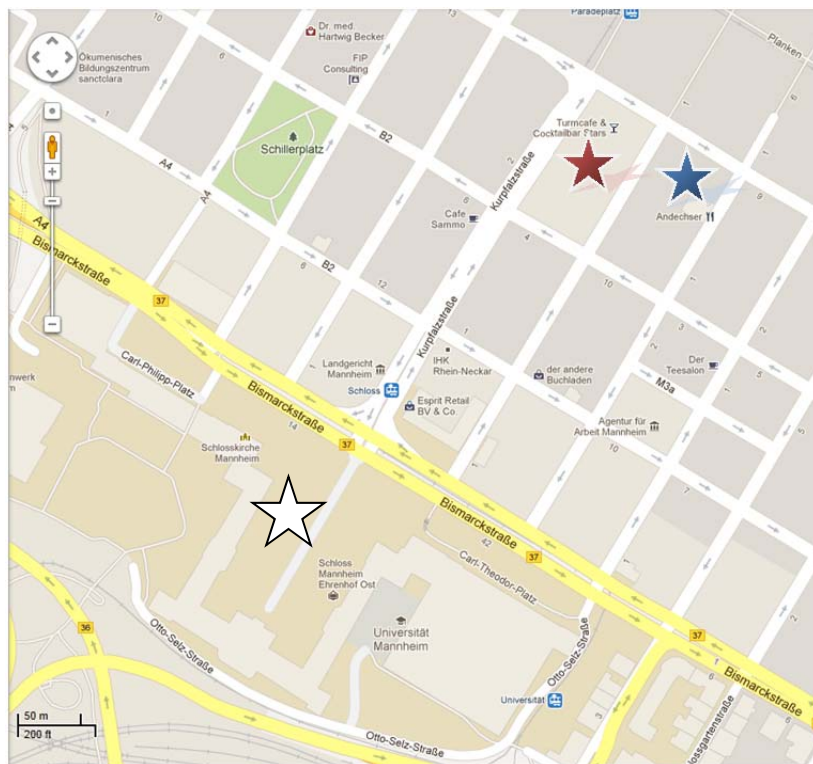
Andreas Dzemski and Florian Sarnetzki:  
*Overidentification test in a nonparametric treatment model with unobserved heterogeneity*

Felix Jarman:  
*Multistage Information Aggregation in Voting*

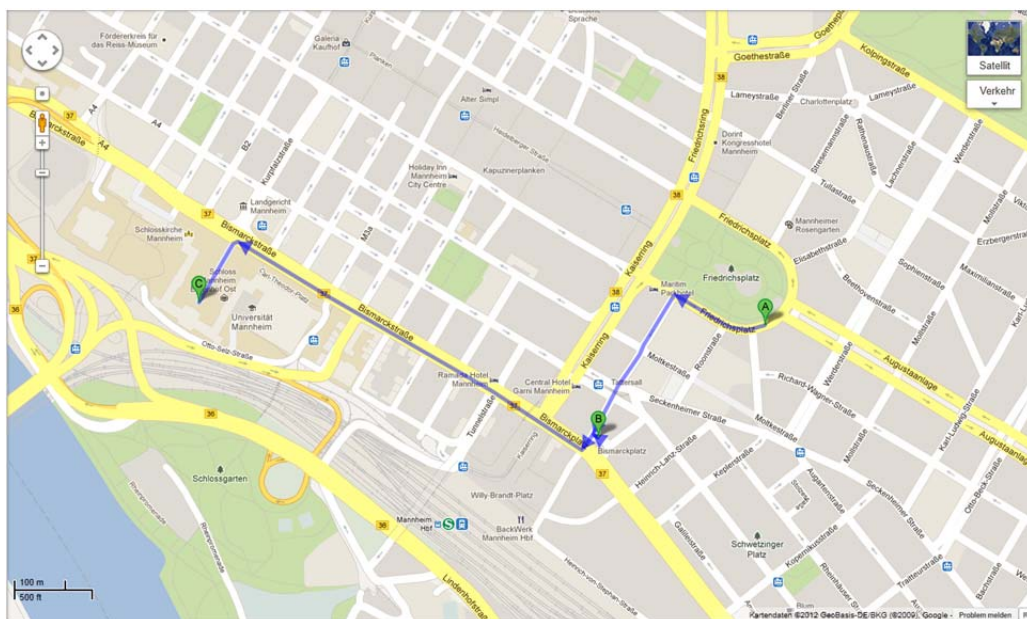




## Maps for individual dinner and Conference Dinner



- ☆ Conference Venue: Mannheim Castle, Ehrenhof West, room 151
- ★ Restaurants: N1: **Azteca Mexicana** (Mexican); **N1 Lounge** (Continental); **The East** (Asian) (am Paradeplatz)
- ★ Restaurants: N2: **Dionysos** (Greek); **Andechser** (German) (am Paradeplatz)



- A: **Conference Dinner at "Restaurant Onyx" (Am Wasserturm)**
- B: **Hotel am Bismarck (Bismarckplatz; phone: 0621-40041960)**
- C: **Conference at University of Mannheim, Castle, Ehrenhof West, room 151**