

# IIPF Doctoral School 2016

## Social Insurance Programs

**Mannheim, Germany**

**June 15-18, 2016**

**Convenors:**

Luigi Pistaferri, Stanford University  
Josef Zweimüller, University of Zurich

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The third IIPF School for current and recent doctoral students will take place at **ZEW in Mannheim, Germany** in June, 2016. The aim of IIPF Schools is to provide a forum in which new researchers can meet to learn about and discuss issues at the forefront of academic research in specific fields of public finance. Each School will be convened by leading and experienced researchers in the relevant field. The convenors will deliver lectures on, and provide an overview of, the School's topic. New researchers will also have the opportunity to present their own research and receive constructive feedback.

The topic of the 2016 edition of the School will be **Social Insurance Programs**, and the convenors will be two distinguished experts on this topic:

- **Luigi Pistaferri**, Professor of Economics, Stanford University;
- **Josef Zweimüller**, Professor of Economics, University of Zurich.

Lectures, presentations and discussions will cover several aspects of social insurance programs – including unemployment benefits, retirement systems, parental leave policies and health insurance. The

focus will be on both empirical and theoretical applications. The School will address the positive analysis of existing insurance programs; e.g., labor-market and welfare effects of social insurance programs, and the incidence of social insurance payments. In addition, it will cover normative questions such as the optimal design of social insurance systems.

Further details and current information are at: [http://www.iipf.org/school\\_2016.htm](http://www.iipf.org/school_2016.htm).

### **Financial Support**

With support from co-organizers and other contributors, the IIPF will cover travel costs, accommodation and subsistence costs for a limited number of participants who are unable to raise funds elsewhere.

### **TAPES conference**

Directly before the IIPF School, on June 13-15, 2016, the ZEW/NBER Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Seminar (TAPES) will be taking place at ZEW in Mannheim. The TAPES conference is often considered to be among the most important international conferences in the field of public economics. Participants at the IIPF Doctoral School 2016 are welcome to attend the workshop. More information is available at: <http://www.zew.de/TAPES2016>.

### **Applications**

Places in the School are limited. Anyone who is currently enrolled in a relevant PhD programme, or has graduated from a relevant PhD programme within the last 3 years, is invited to apply to participate in the School. The IIPF especially encourages applications from low and middle income countries.

To apply, please send an email to [school@iipf.org](mailto:school@iipf.org) by February 29, 2016. The email should contain the following information:

- your CV, including details of PhD courses attended, and PhD supervisors;
- a brief summary of your research agenda;
- a research paper (if you wish to present it at the School; this is not required);
- an indication of whether you need support for expenses for participating;
- an indication of whether you would like to attend the TAPES conference (this does not affect acceptance probability);
- one letter of reference, preferably from your PhD supervisor.

Successful applicants will be notified by mid-March 2016. Please contact Philipp Doerrenberg ([doerrenberg@zew.de](mailto:doerrenberg@zew.de)) or Barbara Hebele ([hebele@ifo.de](mailto:hebele@ifo.de)) in case of questions or inquiries.