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June 25–27, 2026

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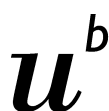
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### Schedule:

- Start on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 9.30 am
- End on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 6 pm
- Optional Excursion in the Bernese Alps on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

### Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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| 9:30 – 09:45  | Coffee                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 09:45 – 10:30 | G. M. Ahlfeldt, N. Baum–Snow, and R. Jedwab<br><b>The Skyscraper Revolution: Global Economic Development and Land Savings</b><br>Presented by Remi Jedwab (George Washington University)      |
| 10:30 – 11:15 | C. A. L. Hilber and A. Mense<br><b>Homeownership Across Europe and the Role of Structural Density</b><br>Presented by Andreas Mense (IAB)                                                     |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 11:30 – 12:15 | F. Robert–Nicoud, P.–P. Combes, G. Duranton, and L. Gobillon<br><b>A Unified Urban Model With Non–Homothetic Housing Demand</b><br>Presented by Frederic Robert–Nicoud (Université de Genève) |



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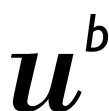
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| 12:15 – 14:00 | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 14:00 – 14:45 | L. Hauck, N. Stalder, S. Büchler, and M. v. Ehrlich<br><b>Incidence, Allocation, and Efficiency Costs of Tenancy Rent Control</b><br>Presented by Lukas Hauck (University of Bern)                                |
| 14:45 – 15:30 | F. Amaral and S. Zetzmann<br><b>Who Pays for Higher Energy Prices? Distributional Effects in the Housing Market</b><br>Presented by Steffen Zetzmann (University of Mannheim)                                     |
| 15:30 – 15:45 | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 15:45 – 16:30 | T. Chen, S. K. Lee, M. Santamaria, and C. Steinwender<br><b>Debt, Drought, and Mobility: How Bankruptcy Institutions Shape Adjustment to Economic Shocks</b><br>Presented Sun Kyoung Lee (University of Michigan) |
| 16:30 – 17:15 | E. X. Jiang, Y. Lee, and Q. Maingi<br><b>Credit Without Proximity: Informational Frictions and Unequal Gains from Technology</b><br>Presented by Erica Xuewei Jiang (UCLA Anderson School of Management)          |
| 19:00         | Conference dinner at <a href="#">Olív Restaurant &amp; Bar</a> , Waisenhausplatz 28, 3011 Bern                                                                                                                    |



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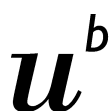
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| 09:00 – 09:45 | J. De la Roca, M. Giacoletti, and L. Liu<br><b>Aggregate Rate Changes, Local Rent Growth: The Mortgage Lock-In Channel</b><br>Presented by Jorge De la Roca (University of Southern California) |
| 09:45 – 10:30 | A. Grimaud, G. Ouasbaa, A. Solé-Ollé, and E. Viladecans<br><b>Local Housing Supply Spillovers: Evidence from California</b><br>Presented by Albert Solé-Ollé (Universitat de Barcelona)         |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10:45 – 11:30 | M. Giacoletti, M. Korevaar, and F. Qian<br><b>How Housing Supply Expansions Reshape Cities</b><br>Presented by Matthijs Korevaar (Erasmus University)                                           |
| 11:30 – 12:15 | E. Faia, E. L. Glaeser, S. Simonelli, and M. Viarengo<br><b>Agglomeration, Segregation and Imperial Origins</b><br>Presented by Martina Viarengo (Geneva Graduate Institute)                    |
| 12:15 – 13:30 | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                           |



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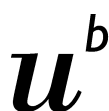
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| 13:30 – 14:15 | <b>A. Zhang</b><br><b>Cities as Portfolios</b><br>Presented by Ailin Zhang (London School of Economics)                                                                                                               |
| 14:15 – 15:00 | <b>Y. Ji</b><br><b>Bank Regulation and Affordable Housing Supply</b><br>Presented by Yuwen Ji (University of Wisconsin–Madison)                                                                                       |
| 15:00 – 15:15 | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 15:30 – 16:45 | <b>Keynote Lecture:</b><br><b>Lu Han (University of Wisconsin–Madison)</b><br><b>Christian Hilber (London School of Economics / University of Zurich)</b><br><b>Homeownership, Affordability and Housing Policies</b> |
| 16:45         | Apéro                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

### Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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| 09:00 – 17:00 | Excursion in the Bernese Alps |
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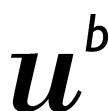
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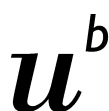
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