

THE ‚RES PUBLICA‘

„1. What is public and why should something be in public responsibility? Which criteria, and theoretical and empirical arguments are relevant to determine whether the provision, and financing of a good is a public or private responsibility, or a mixture of both?

2. Who determines what is public and what is private? Which actors do what? And why are they doing this? How is the public intervention justified? How can one decide whether there is a role for public intervention, and given there is a role for public intervention, who intervenes and how?“

(Excerpt from the introduction to the book
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TIME AND LOCATION

Thursday, 8 June 2017 17.00
Friday, 9 June 2017 9am-5pm
Lecture Hall W5, ground floor
University Center, Augasse 2-6, 1090 Vienna, Austria

Public transport: subway lines U4 or U6 to „Spittelau“
Tram lines D to „Augasse“ or 37 & 38 to „Nußdorfer Straße“

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REGISTRATION

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IFIP Annual Conference 2017

The Res Publica

Re-assessing the role of the
public sector and the public
interest

Thursday, 8 June 2017 18.00

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Presentation of the book
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Presentation of the
Egon Matzner Prize of
Socio-Economics 2017

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Thursday 8 June 2017

18.00 TO 21.00

- 18.00 Welcome
Rudolf SCHEUVENS
Dean of the Faculty of Architecture and
Spatial Planning, Vienna University of Technology
- Manuel SCHOLZ-WÄCKERLE
Department of Socioeconomics, WU Wien – Vienna
University of Economics and Business; EAEPE
- 18.30 „Public or Private Goods? Redefining Res Publica“
Presentation of a book published with
Edward Elgar, Cheltenham (U.K.), 2017
- „The shift from the public to the private“
Brigitte UNGER
Utrecht School of Economics, University of Utrecht (NL)
- „Conceptualizing shifts from the private to the public“
Daan van der LINDE
Utrecht School of Economics, University of Utrecht (NL)
- „Policy implications: a differentiated picture of
the private and the public“
Michael GETZNER
Vienna University of Technology
- 19.15 Presentation of the
Egon Matzner Prize of Socio-Economics 2017
Gabriele MATZNER-HOLZER, Wolfgang BLAAS
- 19.45 Buffet Dinner and Drinks

Friday 9 June 2017

9.00 TO 16.30

- 9.00 Welcome address: Michael GETZNER
- 9.15 Keynote: „Economists and the Welfare State“
Dieter PLEHWE
Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB) (DE)
- 10.00 „Core functions of the ‚Res Publica‘“
Brigitte UNGER
- 10.15 Coffee break
- 10.30 Panel discussion with authors of the book
„Public or Private Goods? Redefining Res Publica“
Gerlinde GUTHEIL-KNOPP-KIRCHWALD:
„Social housing policies“
Grazia WITHALM: „Nature conservation“
Daan van der LINDE: „Inequality“
Ian KOETSIER: „Natural disasters“
- Comments by: Andreas NOVY (tbc), Wilfried SCHÖNBÄCK (tbc),
Dieter PLEHWE
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 „The effects of consolidation programs
on public spending“
Lukas HAFFERT, University of Zurich (CH)
- 14.15 „Effects of privatization in the water sector“
Judith CLIFTON, University of Cantabria (ES)
- 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.30 Final discussion, wrap-up and closing
- 16.30 End of the conference



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Egon Matzner Prize of Socio-Economics 2017

In 2017, the Egon Matzner Prize of Socio-Economics will be conferred for the sixth time. The award is presented to young scientists for their publications in the fields of socio-economics, heterodox economics, evolutionary economics, institutional economics, public finance and fiscal federalism, and/or infrastructure economics and policy.

The Prize is awarded by an international jury, and funded by the Center of Public Finance and Infrastructure Policy (IFIP).

Laureates of former years

2016

Miriam Rehm & Mathias Schnetzer (Vienna Chamber of Labor & Vienna University of Economics and Business)

2015

Laura de Carvalho (University of São Paulo, Brazil) & Armon Rezai (University of Vienna).

2014

Simon Sturn (University of Massachusetts at Amherst)

2013

Leonhard Dobusch (FU Berlin) & Jakob Kapeller (University of Linz)
Alexander Lenger (University of Freiburg)
Praniti Maini, M.Sc. (American India Foundation)

2012

Wolfgang Fellner (Vienna University of Economics and Business)