**Call for Participation**

**1st Lancaster PhD Summer School**

**on Applied Microeconomics (Political Economy)**

**17-19 September 2018, Lancaster University**

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**Speakers**

[Sascha Becker](http://www.sobecker.de/) (Warwick) on “Long-run development and institutions”

[Ruben Durante](https://www.rubendurante.net/) (UPF & Sciences Po) on “Political Economy of traditional and new media”

[Hannes Mueller](http://www.politik-salon.de/) (IAE, Barcelona) on “Applications of machine learning and text analysis”

**General Description & Logistics**

The aim is to give participants an overview of cutting edge research and methodologies in applied microeconomics, while providing several opportunities for interactions and exchange of ideas. Participants will have the opportunity to get feedback on their work via poster presentations and a limited number of regular presentations. The organisers are covering all local expenses. Accommodation and travel expenses are responsibility of the participants. Participants are asked to stay for the entire duration of the Summer School.

**Applications**

Students interested in participating in the event should complete the [**application form**](https://goo.gl/forms/pf2FPGemEQQGB1Vq1) by **June 15th**. Decisions will be announced soon after the deadline. Participants interested in only attending can complete the form even after the deadline if places still available. However, early expression of interest is recommended given capacity constraints. For any questions or further information please contact Orestis Troumpounis (o.troumpounis@lancaster.ac.uk).

**Preliminary programme:**

**MONDAY 17**

Arrival of participants

1:00-2:00 Welcome and lunch

2:00-4:00 Hannes Mueller: Identification Issues in Economics

4:00-4:30 Coffee Break

4:30 - 6:30 Ruben Durante: Political Economy of traditional and new media - Lecture 1

**TUESDAY 18**

9:00-11:00 Ruben Durante: Political Economy of traditional and new media - Lecture 2

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11.30-1.30 Hannes Mueller: Machine Learning and Text Analysis - an Overview

1:30-2:30 Lunch & Student Posters

2:30-4:30 Sascha Becker: Long-run development and institutions - Lecture 1

4:30-5:30 Student presentations

Summer school Dinner

**WEDNESDAY 19**

9-11 Sascha Becker: Long-run development and institutions - Lecture 2

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11.15-12.15 Student Presentations

12:15-1:00 Lunch & Student Posters

1:00-3:00 Hannes Mueller: Machine Learning and Text Analysis - Case Studies

End of the event