

SSES Annual Congress 2026

“Industrial Organization and Policy”

4-5 June 2026

University of St. Gallen

Programme Overview

Thursday, 4 June 2026

- 08:30–09:15 Registration and Welcome Coffee
- 09:15–09:30 Welcome and Opening Address
- 09:30–10:30 Keynote Andrew Rhodes
- 10:45–12:15 Parallel Sessions 1
- 12:15–13:15 Lunchbreak
- 13:15–14:15 Keynote Monika Schnitzer
- 14:15–14:30 Break
- 14:30–16:00 Parallel Sessions 2
- 16:00–16:10 Break
- 16:10–17:40 Parallel Sessions 3
- 17:40–17:50 Break
- 17:50–18:50 Award Ceremony and SSES General Assembly
- 19:30–20:15 Aperó
- 20:15–22:15 Congress Dinner at Pfalz Keller

Friday, 5 June 2026

- 08:00–08:30 Coffee
- 08:30–10:00 Parallel Sessions 4
- 10:00–10:30 Break
- 10:30–11:30 Keynote Simon Loertscher
- 11:30–11:45 Break
- 11:45–13:15 Parallel Sessions 5
- 13:15–14:15 Lunch and Farewell

Detailed Programme

04.06.2026, 08:30–09:15 (Foyer 01)

Registration and Welcome Coffee

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Welcome and Opening Address

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Keynote Andrew Rhodes

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1A. Industrial Organization 1

- Chongwoo Choe, Antoine Dubus, Noriaki Matsushima, Shiva Shekhar
Data Regulation, Platform Encroachment, and the Matthew Effect
Presented by Antoine Dubus (ETH Zurich)
- Luise Eisfeld, Ulrich Kaiser, Reinhold Kesler
When the Merger is Reviewed by Consumers: Stealth Acquisitions and Online Ratings
Presented by Luise Eisfeld (University of Lausanne; Swiss Finance Institute)

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1B. Microeconomics 1

- Marek Pycia
Evaluating with Statistics: Which Outcome Measures Differentiate Among Matching Mechanisms?
Presented by Marek Pycia (University of Zurich)
- Andy Choi, Christoph Schlom, Chengyang Zhu
Providing Certainty
Presented by Andy Choi (University of Michigan)
- Giovanni Valvassori Bolgè
Extreme Points and Large Contests
Presented by Giovanni Valvassori Bolgè (University of Fribourg)

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1C. Macroeconomics 1

- Johann Fuchs
Discrete Taylor Rules
Presented by Johann Fuchs (KOF Swiss Economic Institute, ETH Zurich)
- Laurence Wicht
Accounting for economic activities in the current account: Evidence from Switzerland
Presented by Laurence Wicht (Swiss National Bank)
- Winfried Koeniger, Jonas M. Bruhin, Lion Szlagowski
Short Lags of Monetary Policy in a Small Open Economy
Presented by Winfried Koeniger (University of St.Gallen)

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1D. International Economics 1

- Maria Pia Lombardo, Marco Graziano, Maxime Phillot
Fiscal funding, convenience yields and the real exchange rate
Presented by Maria Pia Lombardo (HEC Lausanne)
- Alessandro Ferrari, Andreas Freitag, Eric Kammerlander, Sarah Lein, Frank Pisch
Exchange-Rate Pass-Through and Invoicing Currency Choice in International Production Networks
Presented by Andreas Freitag (Swiss National Bank)
- Emiliano Toni
State-Dependent Exchange Rate Pass-Through in a Two-Sector Open Economy Model
Presented by Emiliano Toni (University of St. Gallen)

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1E. Labour Economics 1

- Agustina Colonna, Jorge Pérez Pérez, Lukas Rodrian
Violation and Enforcement of Workplace Regulations: Evidence from Mexican Firm Inspections
Presented by Lukas Rodrian (University of Zurich)
- Lucienne Disch
Effects of Family Disruption on Child Development: The Moderating Role of Residential Relocation
Presented by Lucienne Disch (University of Chicago)

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1F. Public Economics 1

- Raul Hochuli
Decisions at the Grid's Edge: An Improved Spatial PV Expansion in Swiss Residences
Presented by Raul Hochuli (University of Basel)
- Jakob Roth, Laura Schwab, Beat Hintermann
Transport Pricing to Promote E-biking and Reduce Externalities: Insights from a GPS-Tracked Experiment
Presented by Jakob Roth (University of Basel)
- Sébastien Houde, Mikhail Zavarzin
Energy Renovation under Rent Control
Presented by Mikhail Zavarzin (Université de Lausanne)

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1G. Health Economics 1

- Stefan Meyer, Stefan Felder
Following the Movers: Quantifying Place-Specific Effects on Swiss Healthcare Spending
Presented by Stefan Meyer (University of Basel)
- Andreas Stoller
Impact of Tobacco Advertising Restrictions in Switzerland: A Quasi-Experimental Study on the Effect of Billboard Bans on Smoking
Presented by Andreas Stoller (University of Fribourg)
- Davia Kündig, Sam Kang
Separating Near and Far: Causal Effect of Abortion Access on Household Conflict
Presented by Davia Kündig (University of St. Gallen)

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Break

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2A. Industrial Organization 2

- Yue Min
Information Ranking Mechanisms in the Digital Economy: A Theoretical Framework
Presented by Yue Min (University of Zurich)
- Atharwa Deshmukh, Severin Lenhard
Lower Prices with Less Price Comparison
Presented by Atharwa Deshmukh (University of St.Gallen)
- Niclas Kongstad
Behavior-Based Price Discrimination with Incomplete Information
Presented by Niclas Kongstad (Université de Lausanne)

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2B. Quantitative Methods and Macro

- Carina Hausladen
Identifying Latent Intentions via Inverse Reinforcement Learning in Repeated Linear Public Good Games
Presented by Carina Hausladen (ETH Zurich)
- Johanna Kutz, Michael Lechner
Quantile Individualized Average Treatment Effects
Presented by Johanna Kutz (University of St. Gallen)
- Valentin Grob, Daniel Kaufmann
Why Heteroskedasticity? An Assessment of Monetary Policy Shock Identification
Presented by Valentin Grob (University of Neuchâtel)

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2C. Applied Microeconomics 1

- Andrea Burro
Self-esteem and procrastination: evidence from a field experiment
Presented by Andrea Burro (University of St. Gallen)
- Steve Heinke, Alexandre Ziegler, Silvia Maier, Alexandra Bagaiini, Nick Doron, Isabella Kooij, Kevin Trutmann, Stephan Nebe, Thorsten Hens, Rui Mata, Philippe Tobler, Jörg Rieskamp
Avoiding bad risks: Only risk aversion and self-control improve financial decisions
Presented by Steve Heinke (Mobiliar Cluster for Resilience)
- Thea Zöllner, Stefan C. Wolter, Michela Carlana, Anne A. Brenøe
Backlash to Gender Equality? Diversity Campaigns and Adolescent Career Choices
Presented by Thea Zöllner (University of Bern)

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2D. International Economics 2

- Sofia Schroeter
Do corporate tax cuts affect exporters?
Presented by Sofia Schroeter (University of Lausanne)
- David Torun
Escaping Protectionism
Presented by David Torun (University of Zurich)
- Johannes Eugster, Oliver Vogt
FXI with an occasionally binding ELB and safe-haven flows
Presented by Oliver Vogt (University of British Columbia)

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2E. Labour Economics 2

- Theodor Friederiszick, Axel Malmcrona
Labor Market Competition and Job Loss
Presented by Theodor Friederiszick (University of Zurich)
- Claudio Schilter
How Selectivity Shapes Selection
Presented by Claudio Schilter (University of Bern)
- Jan Ringling
Severance Pay and Long-term Job Outcomes
Presented by Jan Ringling (University of Zurich)

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2F. Public Economics 2

- Marius Brülhart, Laia Soler
Unfree Wills: Inheritance Rules, Bequest Motives, and Wealth Diffusion
Presented by Marius Brülhart (University of Lausanne)
- Mikhail Zavarzin
Work from Home and Spatial Misallocation
Presented by Mikhail Zavarzin (University of Lausanne)
- Sébastien Houde
The Elasticities of Rental Housing
Presented by Sébastien Houde (University of Lausanne)

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2G. Health Economics 2

- Nicolas Schreiner, Linn Hjalmarsson
A Doctor's Holiday Keeps the Patient Away: Access Frictions and Healthcare Demand
Presented by Nicolas Schreiner (CSS Institute for Empirical Health Economics)
- Sam Kang, Brendon McConnell, Mariyana Zapryanova
Liquid Assets: Plasma Donation Income and Crime
Presented by Sam Kang (University of St. Gallen)

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3A. Industrial Organization 3

- Andras Niedermayer
Rational panic purchases are caused by low and uncertain future prices
Presented by Andras Niedermayer (CY Cergy Paris Université)
- Armin Schmutzler, Germain Gaudin
Policies against Mergers and Abuse of Dominance: What are the Effects on Innovation and Entry?
Presented by Armin Schmutzler (University of Zurich)
- Niklas Hübner
Mission Driven, Market Bound: Economic Perspectives on the Nature and Effects of Nonprofit Fundraising Competition
Presented by Niklas Hübner (University of Augsburg)

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3B. Microeconomics 2

- Andreas Hefti, Sonke Ehret, Charles Efferson, Sonja Vogt
Leading by the Lucky? Success Visibility and the Escalation of Risk Taking
Presented by Andreas Hefti (Zurich University of Applied Sciences)
- Nick Netzer
Improving Rationality by Increasing Attention
Presented by Nick Netzer (University of Zurich)
- Bjorn Bos, Moritz Drupp, Oliver Groth-Pettersen, Paolo G. Piacquadio
Equity and Efficiency (Tradeoffs) in Other-Regarding Preferences
Presented by Paolo G. Piacquadio (University of St. Gallen)

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3C. Macroeconomics 2

- Elio Bolliger
Cyclically Adjusted Balance, Structural Balance and Fiscal Impulse for Switzerland
Presented by Elio Bolliger (Swiss Federal Department of Finance)
- Huixin Bi, Maxime Pillot, Sarah Zubairy
Treasury Supply Shocks: Propagation Through Debt Expansion and Maturity Adjustment
Presented by Maxime Pillot (Swiss National Bank)

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3D. International Finance

- Darius Adlung, Andreas Müller, Adrien Wicht
The Political Economy of Sovereign Default Risk
Presented by Darius Adlung (University of Basel)
- Adrien Wicht
Efficient Sovereign Debt Buybacks
Presented by Adrien Wicht (University of Basel)
- Marco Graziano, Marius Koechlin, Andreas Tischbirek
The Spillovers of LSAPs on Banks in the Euro Area
Presented by Marco Graziano (University of Basel)

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3E. Labour Economics 3

- Helene Benghalem, Mirjam Bächli, Doriana Tinello, Sascha Zuber, Mauro Cherubini, Damaris Aschwanden, Matthias Kliegel, Rafael Lalive, Michele Pellizzari
Getting a Job Through Cognition Training
Presented by Mirjam Bächli (University of Lausanne)
- Leon Huetsch
Bargaining with Babies: A theory of fertility, career sorting, firm-specific human capital and structural change
Presented by Leon Huetsch (University of Lausanne)
- Daniel Goller, Enzo Brox, Stefan C. Wolter
Information Frictions, Skill Uncertainty, and Skill Mismatch
Presented by Daniel Goller (University of Bern)

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3F. Public Economics 3

- Enea Baselgia, Isabel Z. Martinez, Julian Koller, Remo Gurtner
Inequality and Redistribution in Switzerland: Evidence from Distributional National Accounts
Presented by Enea Baselgia (KOF Konjunkturforschungsstelle, ETH Zürich)
- Angelo Mimmo, Matthias Weber
Supervised Machine Learning in Tax Administration
Presented by Angelo Mimmo (University of St. Gallen)
- Valentina Sontheim
Redshirting: Who wins, who loses?
Presented by Valentina Sontheim (University of St. Gallen)

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3G. Environmental Economics 1

- Yvonne Jie Chen, Li Li, Shiko Maruyama, Peiyao Shen
From Coal to Clean: the Impact of Clean Energy Adoption on Children's Health
Presented by Peiyao Shen (University of Basel)
- Ivan Ackermann
Do People Perceive What They Breathe? Evidence from the United Kingdom
Presented by Ivan Ackermann (University of Bern)
- Valentin Favre-Bulle, Sylvain Weber
Financial and Non-Financial Incentives, and the Crowding-Out Effect: Evidence from a Field Experiment on Residential Electricity Consumption in Switzerland
Presented by Valentin Favre-Bulle (Haute école de gestion de Genève)

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Break

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Award Ceremony and SSES General Assembly

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Apero

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Congress Dinner at Pfalzweiler

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Coffee

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4A. Industrial Organization 4

- Gerd Muehlheusser, Herbert Dawid, Ali Kashefi
Platform liability, product safety and optimal pricing
Presented by Gerd Muehlheusser (University of Hamburg)
- Tabea Mündlein, Costanza Gai
Prices, Productivity, and Firm Size: Evidence from Swedish Firm-Level Data
Presented by Tabea Mündlein (University of St.Gallen)

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4B. Political Economy and Behavioural Finance

- Patrick Balles, Ulrich Matter, Alois Stutzer
Issue-Specific Voter Preferences: Measurement and Applications
Presented by Alois Stutzer (University of Basel)
- Martin Mosler, Simon Schmitter
Information Shocks and Attitudes towards Nuclear Power: Empirical Evidence from Iodine Tablets and Swiss Direct Democracy
Presented by Simon Schmitter (University of Lucerne)
- Melvin Marti, Kevin Trutmann, Sebastian Olschewski, Jörg Rieskamp, Steve Heinke
What's Important Under the Hood? Decomposing Financial Decisions Through Structural Modeling
Presented by Melvin Marti (University of Fribourg; University of Basel)

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4C. Macroeconomics 3

- Maria Pia Lombardo, Gianluca Benigno
Expansionary Hikes
Presented by Maria Pia Lombardo (HEC Lausanne)
- Julian Schärer
Market Power when Ideas get Harder to Find: A Theory of Directed Innovation
Presented by Julian Schärer (University of Zurich)
- Björn Hartmann
Variable Markups, Growth Pass-Through, and Structural Change
Presented by Björn Hartmann (University of St. Gallen)

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4D. International Economics 3

- Haorong Shao
Tariff Wars and Endogenous Growth
Presented by Haorong Shao (University of Lausanne)
- Johannes Eugster, Giovanni Rosso, Pinar Yesin
The rise of inelastic intermediaries and exchange rate dynamics
Presented by Pinar Yesin (Swiss National Bank)
- Anjeza Kadilli
Swiss Equity Market Responses to Sustainability Regulation
Presented by Anjeza Kadilli (HES-SO, HEG Geneva)

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4E. Labour Economics 4

- Alessandro Nali
Search Effort and Dynamic Incentives in Unemployment Insurance: Evidence from Italy
Presented by Alessandro Nali (ETH Zürich)
- Tanja Kirn, Gijs Dekkers
From Marital Entitlements to Individual Risks: Vertical Solidarity and the Future of Survivors' Pensions in Beveridgean Systems
Presented by Tanja Kirn (University of Liechtenstein)
- Kurt Schmidheiny, Düzgün Dilsiz, Davud Rostam-Afschar
Freedom of Movement, Taxation and Job Mobility in Europe
Presented by Kurt Schmidheiny (University of Basel)

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4F. Public Economics 4

- Matteo Grigoletto, Kai Gehring, Fernando Fernandez, Arne Weiss
Breaking the Gridlock: Zero-Sum Thinking, Identity and Mutually Beneficial Reforms
Presented by Matteo Grigoletto (University of Bern / Wyss Academy for Nature)
- Richard Bluhm, Roland Hodler, Paul Schaudt
Regional majorities
Presented by Roland Hodler (University of St.Gallen)
- Antonio Bento, Davide Cerruti, Vaios Triantafyllou
What Does One Gram of CO2 Cost? Revealed-Preference Evidence from the 2021 Full-Count Reform of the EU Vehicle CO2 Standard
Presented by Davide Cerruti (WU Vienna University of Economics and Business)

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4G. Environmental Economics 2

- Dylan Philippe
On Thin Ice: The Downstream effects of Glacier Melt on Agriculture
Presented by Dylan Philippe (University of Bern)
- Roman Eric Sieler, Francisco André, Corrado Di Maria, Beat Hintermann
Pressured to Choose? Firms' Product Choices under the EU ETS
Presented by Roman Eric Sieler (University of Basel)
- Manon Delvaux, Arthur Laroche
From Handshake to Contract: Evidence from Land Use Agreements in Uganda
Presented by Manon Delvaux (University of Zurich)

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Break

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Keynote Simon Loertscher

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5A. Industrial Organization 5

- Severin Lenhard, Winand Emons, Francesco Parisi
Optional Fee-Shifting
Presented by Severin Lenhard (Swiss Competition Commission)
- Jan Schmitz, Manuel Grieder
Non-price product differentiation in charitable giving–Evidence from two randomized field experiments
Presented by Manuel Grieder (UniDistance Suisse)
- Jean-Michel Benkert, Armin Schmutzler, Severin Wildhaber
Preference Heterogeneity in Ratings
Presented by Severin Wildhaber (University of Bern)

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5B. Applied Microeconomics 2

- Costanza Naguib-Stettler
Does single-blind review encourage or discourage p-hacking?
Presented by Costanza Naguib-Stettler (University of Bern)
- Ola Andersson, Carlos Kurschilgen, Michael Kurschilgen, Daniel Spiro
Why Do People Take Turns?
Presented by Michael Kurschilgen (UniDistance)
- Fabien Giauque, Mehdi Farsi, Michael Puntiroli
Prosocial Behavior, Ambiguity, and Social Norms: Evidence from Incentivized Experiments
Presented by Fabien Giauque (University of Neuchatel)

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5C. Macroeconomics 4

- Pascal Meichtry, Cristiano Cantore, Matteo Gatto, Francesco Saverio Gaudio
Monetary–Fiscal Interactions and the Liquidity Channel of Debt Sustainability
Presented by Pascal Meichtry (Banque de France)
- Remo Gurtner
The Role of Managers' Inflation History in Price Expectation Formation
Presented by Remo Gurtner (KOF, ETHZ)
- Marko Mlikota, Pooyan Amir-Ahmadi, Dalibor Stevanovic
Origins and Nature of Macroeconomic Instability in Vector Autoregressions
Presented by Marko Mlikota (Geneva Graduate Institute)

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5D. International Economics 4

- Michael Tueting
Climate Change, Income Inequality, and Migration in a Spatial Economy
Presented by Michael Tueting (University of St. Gallen)
- Sarah Spycher, Daniel Heyen, Pietro Fasoli, Alessandro Tavoni, Joschka Wanner
Solar Radiation Management and Trade
Presented by Sarah Spycher (ETH Zurich)
- Yann Cerasi, Gazi Kabas, Steven Ongena, Kasper Roszbach
Giving up on the Home? How Downpayment Requirements Shape Consumption and Savings
Presented by Yann Cerasi (University of Zurich)

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5E. Labour Economics 5

- Katarina Zigova
Dual Reform of Vocational Education and Early Labour Market Outcomes
Presented by Katarina Zigova (University of Zurich)
- Guillaume Morlet
The Impact of Subsidies on Training: Evidence from the United States
Presented by Guillaume Morlet (ETH Zurich)

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5F. Public Economics 5

- Alejandra Rodríguez Morales
From Boom to Bust: The Structural Transformation of Chile's Industrial Sector After the Nitrate Collapse
Presented by Alejandra Rodríguez Morales (University of Lucerne)
- Nina Kalbermatter, Melanie Häner-Müller, Christoph A. Schaltegger
The Adaptive Middle Class: How Families Adjust to Revolving Transfer Shocks
Presented by Nina Kalbermatter (University of Lucerne)
- Simon Lang
Optimal Carbon Prices in an Unequal World: The Role of Regional Welfare Weights
Presented by Simon Lang (ETH Zurich)

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5G. Applied Microeconomics 3

- Siwar Khelifa, Bruno Lanz, Marco Pecoraro
Refugee Peers in Language-Support and Ability-Tracked Classes: Evidence from Switzerland
Presented by Siwar Khelifa (Neuchatel University)
- Aljosha Henkel, Arto Arman
From Legal Use to Drug Policy Views: Experimental Evidence on Personal Experience with Cannabis Legalization
Presented by Aljosha Henkel (ETH Zurich)
- Yannick Schmutz
Place-Based Policy in 1970s Switzerland
Presented by Yannick Schmutz (University of Fribourg)

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Lunch and Farewell

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Parallel Sessions are 90 minutes in duration with each paper allotted 30 minutes. The recommended allocation of these 30 minutes is approximately 20 minutes of presentation time, while reserving 5 minutes for Q&As. We ask all speakers to arrive 5 minutes before the start of the session and to set up their technical equipment. For a technically smooth presentation, please bring your presentation on a flash drive. In the interest of incentive compatibility, the last person to present in a session is the ex officio Session Chair.

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