“Alliances and Alliance Formation in Conflict”

Organized by the Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance, the Freie Universität Berlin and the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB).

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Berlin, September 1-2, 2011

Conference and WZB

Conference venue

Room A300
Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB)
Reichpietschufer 50
D–10785 Berlin
Germany

The aim of the conference is to reach a deeper understanding for why alliances form, when and why they are surprisingly stable and effective, when and why alliances break up, and what this implies for conflict.

Organisation

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Audio visual equipment

A notebook (for presentations) will be available for the use throughout the symposium.

An office with PC and printer will also be available. Please note that large photocopying facilities will not be available.

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Car parking

Car Parking is available for participants.

How to find us

To get to the WZB from the Best Western Hotel President

It is a 15-minutes-walk from the hotel to the WZB or 3 stops with the bus M29.
Accommodation and meals

For those who have requested accommodation, rooms have been reserved at the

Best Western Hotel President
An der Urania 16–18
10787 Berlin
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Web: www.president-hotel.de

The hotel will be booked for you from here, and we will pay single rooms for the three nights (including breakfast). According to administrative restrictions, we cannot pay additional hotel nights or extra cost for double rooms. But we can certainly arrange the accommodation for you if you plan to bring your partner or stay extra nights.

Car parking is available for participants at the hotel, parking extra charge is EUR 10,00/day.

How to find the hotel

By taxi

Even though we cannot reimburse taxis, we would recommend to take them, because going by taxi is inexpensive in Berlin. A taxi will cost about EUR 22,00 from Airport Tegel, EUR 33,00 from Airport Schönefeld and EUR 10,00 from Train Station Hauptbahnhof.

By public transport

Another easy way to get around in Berlin is to use the public transport. For more information have a look at the web site of the Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe (BVG, www.bvg.de/index.php/en).
**How to find the hotel**

**Airport Tegel**
Take bus X9 to “Zoologischer Garten”. Take bus M46 in the direction “U Mehringdamm” to the stop “An der Urania”.

**Airport Schönefeld**
Take bus 171 in the direction “Hermannplatz” to subway stop “Rudow”. Take the U7 in the direction “S & U Rathaus Spandau”, get off at “U Kleistpark”. Take bus 106 in the direction “U Seestrasse”, get off at the stop “An der Urania”.

**Train Station Hauptbahnhof**
Take S-Bahn S7 in the direction “Potsdam Hauptbahnhof” to stop “Zoologischer Garten”. Take bus M46 in the direction “U Britz–Süd”, get off at the stop “An der Urania”.

**Note, taxi journeys cannot be reimbursed.**

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**Meals**

All meals and refreshments will be provided by the organizers. For further details see the program. Special dietary requests can be accommodated if requested in advance.
Reimbursement rules

Accommodation

The hotel will be booked for you from WZB/MPI for Tax Law and Public Finance, and we will settle the bill for single rooms for the three nights directly to the hotel. According to administrative restrictions, we cannot pay for additional hotel nights or extra costs for double rooms. But we can certainly arrange the accommodation for you if you plan to bring your partner or stay extra nights.

Travel

The WZB/MPI for Tax Law and Public Finance settles travel accounts based on the German Civil Service Travel Regulation (Bundesreisekostengesetz). The following receipts are required for reimbursement:

- plane ticket and receipt/invoice of your travel agent.
- for electronic tickets booked via internet: receipt/invoice of the the ticket and boarding pass (so as to demonstrate that you made the flight indeed).
- train ticket and receipt/invoice of your travel agent.

Only tourist or economy class – APEX/Euro budget fares will be reimbursed. Please book your flight/train as soon as possible to meet reimbursement requirements. Make sure that you obtain a receipt/invoice which must be sent to the WZB/MPI for Tax Law and Public Finance for reimbursement (together with the ticket or boarding pass for e-tickets) after your travel has been completed.

The cost for public transportation in Berlin will be reimbursed. However, neither taxi journeys nor parking fees can be reimbursed.
Reimbursement rules

Other expenses

All other expenses, e.g. additional hotel services, taxi journeys etc., cannot be reimbursed.

When registering for the conference, you will receive a **reimbursement form** with the heading “**travel expenses**”. You are kindly asked to fill in and send this form together with the original tickets and receipts/invoices to the MPI for Tax Law and Public Finance after you have completed your travel. The amount due will be transferred to your personal bank account. Note, that no part payments will be made at the conference.