“The End of Federalism?”

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Conference and WZB

Conference venue

Room A 300
Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB)
Reichpietschufer 50
10785 Berlin
Germany

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 Maritim Hotel Berlin

It is a 5-minutes-walk from the hotel to the WZB.
Accommodation and meals

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

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The hotel will be booked for you from here, and we will pay single rooms for the two/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. 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**
Bus TXL to stop main station 'Hauptbahnhof', from there take bus M85 to stop 'Kulturforum' (approx. 30-40 minutes).

**Airport Schönefeld**
By rail to stop main station 'Hauptbahnhof', from there take bus M85 to stop 'Kulturforum' (approx. 45-60 minutes)

**Train Station Hauptbahnhof**
Bus M85 to stop 'Kulturforum' (10 minutes).

*Note, taxi journeys cannot be reimbursed.*

### 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, and we will settle the bill for single rooms for the two/three nights directly to the hotel.

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Travel

The WZB 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 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 WZB 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.