

save Conference

MEA (Mannheim Research Institute for the Economics of Aging) is organizing a conference on:

Economic and Psychological Aspects of Households' Saving Behaviour: Old-age Provision, Financial Literacy and the Financial Crisis

29 – 30 June 2009
Deidesheim, Germany

Workshop objectives and topic:

The recent turbulence in the financial markets and the severe and widespread economic recession induced an extensive debate on the measures to tackle the crisis, sustaining consumption and production. Understanding the psychological and economic mechanisms that shape households consumption and saving decisions is therefore now more than ever of primary importance.

To this scope the Mannheim Research Institute for the Economics of Aging (MEA) is organizing a conference on “Psychological and Economic aspects of Households’ Saving Behaviour: Old-age Provision, Financial Literacy and the Financial Crisis” to be held in Deidesheim, Germany on June 29-30, 2009. Aim of the workshop is to bring together young and established researchers with an interest in households’ financial behaviour to discuss topical issues and possible future developments in this research area.

Original empirical contributions will be considered for selection. Priority is given to papers using data from the German SAVE survey and its sister surveys (SCF, EFF, SHIW etc.). Papers covering the following areas are very welcome, but other related topics are also considered:

- Public and private old-age provision and population aging
- Household savings, consumption and portfolio choice
- Financial crisis and household finances
- Behavioral aspects of household saving decisions: expectations, uncertainty and risk preferences
- Financial literacy and financial advice: effects of information and education
- Financial literacy, cognitive ability and financial decisions

Keynote Speakers:

Prof. Michael Haliassos, Ph.D. (Goethe University, Frankfurt)
Prof. Dirk Krüger, Ph.D. (University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia)
Prof. Tullio Jappelli, Ph.D. (University of Napoli Federico II)

Participants:

The workshop is open to both young and experienced researchers involved in economic issues related with the topic including, Ph.D. students, post-doctoral researchers, and professionals from business, government and non-governmental institutions. As the workshop intends to

strengthen the exchange between practical experiences and research outcomes in our working group, participation without paper contribution also is welcome. Due to the limited number of places available, we encourage to register early: priority will be given to participants who registered first.

Submission of Papers:

Those wishing to present a paper should send a detailed abstract or a full draft of the paper (strongly preferred). All the submissions must include a cover page including authors' full name and affiliation and contact details for corresponding author/s (address, phone and email).

All papers or long abstracts should be submitted electronically as doc or pdf files to: save@mea.uni-mannheim.de on or before: **March 15, 2009**

Papers and abstract can be in English as well as in German. All papers will be peer reviewed. Authors of accepted papers will be notified no later than **April 1, 2009**.

Registration:

Those wishing to attend, but not to present a paper should register by: **May 4, 2009**

Sending an email to: save@mea.uni-mannheim.de, specifying name, affiliation and contact details (address, phone, email).

Please note that there is **no registration fee**.

Location:

The workshop will be held at the hotel "Deidesheimer Hof", in the charming city of Deidesheim, Germany. Located on the German Wine Route, east of the outskirts of the Palatinate forest, this small town offers one of the best preserved examples of half-timbered buildings (Fachwerk). Surrounded by hiking and cycling trails going through the vineyards, this climatic health resort has been visited by several presidents, regents and head of states, which enjoyed not only the local natural beauties, but also the unique combination of culture, sense of tradition and *joie de vivre* that characterize this town. For more information please visit: <http://www.deidesheim.de/en/welcome.html>.

Accommodation:

Meals and coffee breaks will be covered for all participants. Accommodation costs will be covered for all the speakers with accepted papers, while participants not presenting a paper are responsible for their accommodation arrangements. In the following hotels rooms are reserved:

LIST OF HOTELS

Deidesheimer Hof – single room with breakfast - €92 (special conference price)

Option on rooms until the beginning of Mai 2009.

Address: Am Marktplatz, 67146 Deidesheim, phone: +49 (0) 6326 / 96870

homepage: <http://www.deidesheimerhof.de/eng/main/start.htm>

Hatterer's Hotel – single room with breakfast - €85

Option on rooms until the beginning of April 2009.

Address: Weinstraße 12, 67146 Deidesheim, phone: +49 (0) 63 26 / 60 11
homepage: <http://www.hotel-hatterer.de/>

Gästehaus Ritter von Böhl – single room with breakfast - €49

Option on rooms until the end of February 2009.

Address: Weinstraße 35-37, 67146 Deidesheim, phone: +49 (0) 6326 / 972 201

Reservations must be made **directly with the hotel** not later than DEADLINE (to agree with the hotels). Please mention “SAVE-Conference” when you book a room in one of these hotels.

Further Information:

Updated information and the preliminary workshop program will be provided on the [MEA homepage](#).

For further questions please contact:

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