

Save-The-Date!

January 17 to 18, 2019

Workshop on

Natural Catastrophe Prevention and Insurance: Market and Policy Issues

Venue: LEE E 101, Leonhardstrasse 21, 8092 Zürich

Aims and Scope:

Natural catastrophes regularly bring to the forefront the same questions on the prevention and insurance of natural catastrophe risks. The tremendous and rapidly growing losses lead to speculation as to the increasing excess of risk exposure. It is also a matter of concern that insurance coverage is so low in most cases. The growing economics literature on natural catastrophe risks sheds light on the role of insurance market failures and poorly designed public policies on these issues. The workshop aims at sharing new academic knowledge on these topics from an economics point of view. Research contributions in this area are all the more crucial in that natural catastrophe risks are expected to escalate with climate change.

Guiding Questions:

- Are actual insurance markets and public policies sufficiently well designed to cover catastrophe risks and to give incentives for prevention actions?
- What type of innovations could be implemented to improve coverage and prevention?
- How could people be better informed on natural disaster risks?
- Which tools could increase incentives for prevention while taking into account equity?
- How could risk diversification be increased for large catastrophe risks?
- What are the connections between natural disaster policies and climate change policies?

Confirmed Contributions:

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Organizing Committee:

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Registration:

Two half-day workshop upon registration. The workshop will start after lunch on January 17 and will close in the afternoon on January 18. Registration link will be available together with the final invitation by early November 2018 and on the event page: www.riskcenter.ethz.ch/events/workshops.html. There is only limited participation. Attendance is free of charge.

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