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# A conference from young economists for young economists

Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH) and Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg are hosting the 22<sup>nd</sup> Spring Meeting of Young Economists

From today until Saturday, the Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE) takes place in Halle (Saale). It is jointly organised by the Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH) – Member of the Leibniz Association and the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg. The international meeting is a well-known yearly conference organised by the European Association of Young Economists (EAYE). Its chairman, Stijn Baert, is impressed: "Judging from the organisation, the conference will just be great!"

The SMYE gives non-tenured young economists such as PhD students, PostDocs, and assistant professors a chance to meet, present and discuss their work. The meeting was established as a conference from young economists for young economists, and it covers the entire spectrum of economics. It offers a forum to discuss research, develop new ideas, learn and socialise. Standards are high: According to Baert, "The Spring Meeting of Young Economists is now one of the most selective conferences in Economics."

IWH President Reint E. Gropp welcomed the 200 participants and emphasized that modern research is not a solo mission, but success depends on interaction: "Do talk about your research, expose yourself, and identify coauthors!"

Every year, the SMYE invites a couple of senior researchers to address the participants. This year's keynote speakers are *Georg Weizsäcker* (Humboldt-Universität Berlin, German Institute for Economic Research – DIW Berlin, Germany), *Uwe Sunde* (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany), *Jordi Gali* and *Barbara Rossi* (both Centre de Recerca en Economia Internacional – CREI, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain).

The Spring Meeting of Young Economists has been organised since 1996. The  $23^{rd}$  SMYE will be organised by the University of the Balearic Islands in Mallorca from May  $30^{th}$  to June  $1^{st}$ , 2018.

## Date:

Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017 – Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Location:

main campus of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Audimax and Melanchthonianum, Universitätsplatz, 06108 Halle (Saale), Germany

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