

8th Jena Summer Academy on 'Innovation and Uncertainty'



The Graduate College DFG-RTG 1411 'The Economics of Innovative Change' (GSBC-EIC) at the Friedrich Schiller University Jena and the Max Planck Institute of Economics jointly organize the 8th Summer Academy on 'Innovation and Uncertainty'.

The Academy will last from July 13th to July 26th 2014 in Jena and will be hosted by the Friedrich Schiller University and the Max Planck Institute of Economics Jena.

The Summer Academy consists of two parallel Summer Schools, one designed by the GSBC-EIC and one by the IMPRS-Uncertainty. This year's topics of the GSBC-EIC Summer School connect nicely to the *15th Conference of the International Joseph Alois Schumpeter Society (ISS)* which takes place in Jena just the week after the Summer Academy from July 27th to July 30th.

Speakers already confirmed for the Summer Academy are:

- Jennifer Arlen (New York University)
- Wesley Cohen (Duke University)
- Giovanni Dosi (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna)
- André Lorentz (Université de Technologie de Belfort-Montbéliard)
- Richard Nelson (Columbia University)
- Bettina Peters (ZEW Mannheim)
- Gerald Silverberg (University of Maastricht and IIASA Vienna)
- Marco Valente (University of L'Aquila)

The aim of the Summer Academy is to create an environment that brings senior researchers and PhD students closer together. This way the PhD students can become familiarized with some of the most current topics and research questions in the field of innovation research.

The GSBC-EIC Summer School lasts for 2 weeks. All lectures and courses of invited speakers are planned Monday through Friday, while the weekends are reserved for social events and keynote speakers. The enrolled students are expected to attend the full programme in both weeks. The first week will be mainly covered by courses, e.g. on **Panel Data Analysis by Bettina Peters** and on **Simulation Methods by Marco Valente and André Lorentz**. In the second week, lecturers like Giovanni Dosi, Gerald Silverberg, Richard Nelson and many

more will present the cutting edge research of their field of competence. This years Summer School closes with a **keynote lecture by Wesley Cohen** and a big farewell party in the Botanical Garden of Jena. On the next day (Sunday 27th of July), the 15th ISS Conference of the International Joseph Alois Schumpeter Society starts such that attending the Summer School can be perfectly combined with one of the most important international conferences in our field.

The IMPRS Uncertainty Summer School takes place in parallel to the GSBC-EIC Summer School. This gives the students an opportunity to sometimes choose between the courses of the two schools (also attending courses devoted to behavioral economics and experimental design). Just like in the last seven years, the IMPRS Summer School will continue in the last week of July and the first week of August to cover a number of specific topics related to how subjects behave under fundamental uncertainty.

Besides hosting our own PhD students, we are happy to invite outstanding PhD students from all over the world. The guest PhDs benefit from

- our exceptional learning environment,
- a close contact to international scholars,
- conceptualizing new research ideas together with our PhDs and faculty.

To ensure an excellent learning environment, participation is limited to **30 exceptional graduate students** from around the world. **Registration fee** for both weeks including summer school materials, lunches and dinners, and social events is **150 Euro**.

If you are interested, please **apply** by sending your CV and motivation letter (explaining why you are interested in our Summer Academy and how it shall benefit your research) to Tina Wolf (tina.wolf@uni-jena.de) **until 31st of May** latest (earlier applications are also very much welcome).



We, the DFG research training group 1411 ‘The Economics of Innovative Change’ (GSBC-EIC), would be happy to welcome you here in Jena!