

2nd Matterhorn Symposium on Behavior, Institutions, and Cooperation September 18 – 20, 2025

UniDistance Suisse
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3900 Brig, Switzerland
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Program

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Note: In the parallel sessions, each presenter has 30 minutes and may decide how to divide this time between presentation and discussion. The last presenter in each session is responsible for keeping time.

Thursday, September 18

13:00	Start of Registration	
13:45 – 15:15	Session 1L (Seminar Room B18.003)	Session 1R (Seminar Room B18.005)
	<p>Amnon Maltz University of Haifa Interpersonal Trust During Times of Political Unrest</p> <p>Ranran Li MPI for the Study of Crime, Security, and Law Revisiting Situational Strength: Do Strong Situations Restrict Variance in Behaviors?</p> <p>Wladislaw Mill University of Mannheim War Causes Religiosity: Gravestone Evidence from the Vietnam Draft Lottery</p>	<p>Anca Balietti University of Heidelberg Zero-Sum Thinking and Support for Redistribution Across Borders</p> <p>Alisa Frey University of Würzburg Redistribution, Moral Hazard, and Voting by Feet: An Experiment</p> <p>Tim Krieger University of Freiburg Inequality, Life Expectancy, and the Alienation Effect: Insights from a Real-Effort Experiment on the Intragenerational Redistribution Puzzle</p>
15:45 – 17:15	Session 2L (Seminar Room B18.003)	Session 2R (Seminar Room B18.005)
	<p>Gonzalo Arrieta University of Zurich Procedural Decision-Making in the Face of Complexity</p> <p>Christian Zihlmann Bern University of Applied Sciences Compressed Beliefs</p> <p>Gökhan Aydogan University of Zurich The Role of Noisy Coding and Serial Dependence in the Description-Experience Gap</p>	<p>Christian Zehnder University of Lausanne Charismatic Leadership: An Antidote to the Pitfalls of Incentives?</p> <p>Evangelia Kyriazi University of Vienna How Narcissists Match and Play in Games</p> <p>Zahra Murad University of Portsmouth Breaking Barriers: The Impact of Co-Leadership on the Gender Gap in Leadership Participation</p>
17:30 – 18:30	Keynote Lecture (Aula)	
	<p>Eric Johnson Columbia University Explaining Heterogeneity in Effect Sizes and How to Exploit It for Generalization</p>	
18:30	Social Event: Apéro (Entry Hall)	

Friday, September 19

09:00 – 10:30	Session 3L (Seminar Room B18.003) Sebastian Goerg Technical University Munich Order effects in eliciting preferences Carlos Alós-Ferrer Lancaster University Who Likes It More? Using Response Times To Reveal Group Preferences in Surveys Carina Hausladen ETH Zurich Identifying Latent Intentions via Inverse Reinforcement Learning in Repeated Linear Public Good Games	Session 3R (Seminar Room B18.005) Susann Adloff Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW Kiel) Norms in Collective Decision Making E. Lance Howe University of Alaska Anchorage Cooperation and Communication in a Risky Social Dilemma: Experimental Evidence from the Field Juliane Koch Lund University A good neighbor -- a found treasure: on the voluntary provision of public goods in overlapping neighborhoods
11:00 – 12:30	Session 4L (Seminar Room B18.003) Sorravich Kingsuwanikul Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam Strategic Incompetence Christian Thoeni University of Lausanne Gender Differences in Preferences: Means, variability, and malleability Vojtech Bartos University of Milan Reaction to Discrimination: Experimental Evidence	Session 4R (Seminar Room B18.005) Francesco Fallucchi University of Bergamo Pluralistic Ignorance and Sustainable Mobility Felipe Araujo Lehigh University Label Uncertainty and Socially Responsible Market Behavior: An Experiment Luis Santos-Pinto University of Lausanne Beyond the Stars: Exploring the Welfare Effects of Ratings in Differentiated Markets
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch (Entry Hall)	
13:30 – 15:00	Session 5L (Seminar Room B18.003) Yu Tinghua Birkbeck, University of London Unmasking the enemies: A theory of denunciations Petros Sekeris TBS Business School Time Flies: Cooperation in Repeated Finite Time- Horizon Games Yu Yaoyao University of Vienna Equilibrium Transitions in Sampling Dynamics: An Experimental Investigation	Session 5R (Seminar Room B18.005) Michela Boldrini Bocconi University Negative Emission Technologies and Climate Cooperation Sebastian Olschewski University of Basel Risk and Complexity of Climate Consequences Reduce Sustainable Behavior Assia Abdelfattah GAEL University of Grenoble The acceptability of carbon taxation and regulation under inequality: An experiment
15:30 – 17:00	Session 6L (Seminar Room B18.003) Sandra Andraszewicz ETH Zurich / Singapore-ETH Centre Behavioral Foundations of Financial Resilience in the Digital Economy: Evidence from Switzerland and Singapore Valentina Rotondi University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI) The Invisible Infrastructure: Rethinking Care, Vulnerability, and the Economy Michael Kurschilgen UniDistance Suisse The Price of Identity: Overoptimism and Congruence Concerns	Session 6R (Seminar Room B18.005) Fidel Petros WZB Berlin & Berlin School of Economics Fighting Wasteful Spending through Inter-Unit Transfers in Organizations Francisco Martinez University of Fribourg Subjective performance evaluation in tournaments with asymmetric contestants: Experimental Evidence César Mantilla Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Information valuation and workers' selection into formal or informal transactions: a lab-in-the-field experiment with street vendors in Bogotá
17:15 – 18:15	Keynote Lecture (Aula) Elke Weber Princeton University Query Theory: A Process Account of Constructed Preference	
19:30	Conference Dinner	

09:00 – 10:30	Session 7L (Seminar Room B18.003) David Hagmann Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Whodunit: Individualistic Remedies Undermine Support for Systemic Reforms Ahana Basistha Technical University Munich Activating Change: The Role of Information and Beliefs in Online Activism Sara Khayouti University of Zurich The Effect of Reflection on Loan Decisions	Session 7R (Seminar Room B18.005) Theodore Alysandratos University of Heidelberg The behavioral foundations of international anti-bribery laws: Results from an international lab-type experiment Aljosha Henkel ETH Zurich Standing in Prisoners' Shoes: A Randomized Trial on How Incarceration Shapes Criminal Justice Views Simon Columbus University of St Andrews Institutional rules and unfair rule enforcement
11:00	Social Event: Hiking in the Aletsch Arena (Riederalp - Bettmeralp) Departure from the UniDistance campus in Brig at 11:00 Participants will receive a packed lunch to take on the hike. Return to Brig train station at around 15:30 (later returns are possible for those wishing to stay longer in Bettmeralp). There are two hiking options (easy or medium difficulty), both taking around 1h 45min of pure walking time (see next page for details). The hike will only take place if the weather allows. In case of bad weather, we will visit the Aletsch Nature Centre at Villa Cassell (above Riederalp), which hosts an interactive exhibition on glacier retreat, climate change, and the energy transition, as well as a restaurant.	
Organizers:	Manuel Grieder UniDistance Suisse	Michael Kurschilgen UniDistance Suisse

Information on Hiking Options (Saturday, September 20)

Option 1:

Moderate hike. Suitable for all fitness levels. Mostly easy-to-walk trails. Sure-footedness required.
The hike offers great views of the Valais Alps, the Aletsch Glacier and, with a bit of luck, also distant views of the Matterhorn.

🕒 01:49 ↔ 4,77 km ⌀ 2,6 km/h ↗ 60 m ↘ 420 m

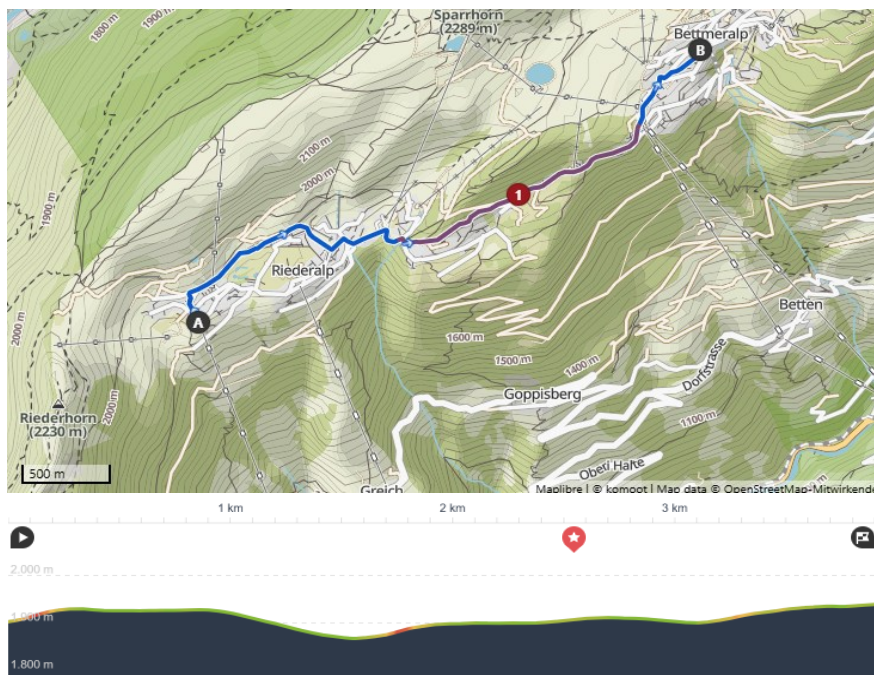


Link to [Komoot](#) for more information

Option 2:

Easy hike. Suitable for all fitness levels. Easy trails. No special skills required.
The hike offers beautiful views of the Valais Alps.

🕒 01:35 ↔ 3,91 km ⌀ 2,5 km/h ↗ 110 m ↘ 80 m



Link to [Komoot](#) for more information