



Press release

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Two top professors for the Department of Economics

With David Dorn, the Department of Economics of the University of Zurich attracted a promising young Swiss economist back to Switzerland from Madrid. Moreover, the renowned professor Andrei Levchenko will come to Zurich as a visiting professor for one year.

Beginning in September, the Department of Economics has a new professor for “International Trade and Labor Markets”. David Dorn, associate professor of economics at the CEMFI in Madrid since 2013, will teach and research as adjunct professor at the University of Zurich and affiliated professor with the UBS Center of Economics in Society in Zurich. This will allow for a major expansion of the important and current field of international trade in research and teaching at the University of Zurich. With David Dorn, the University of Zurich took advantage of the unique chance to appoint a young Swiss economist with excellent methodological abilities and a strong academic record in this area. Dorn is presently examining the effects of globalization on the labor market with special attention to trade and technology as well as with patterns of economic geography.

David Dorn studied economics at the University of St. Gallen and received his doctorate there in 2009. He was a visiting researcher at the University of Chicago, MIT, and Boston University from 2007 – 2009. He was visiting professor at Harvard University in 2013. He has been a research fellow at the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) in Bonn since 2011 and a research fellow at the CESifo in Munich since 2014.

Despite his young age, David Dorn has already published several papers in the American Economic Review, probably the most renowned trade journal in economics. His research results have also found a strong echo outside of academics. His studies have been discussed in well-known media around the world, such as the New York Times, the Economist, or the Neue Zürcher Zeitung.

One of the most highly cited young economists in the world

Andrei Levchenko will also begin a visiting professorship at the University of Zurich, presently planned for one year. Levchenko is an internationally recognized economist and belongs to the leading experts in the areas of globalization, economic development, and macroeconomics.

The dual citizen of Russia and the USA is associate professor at the University of Michigan, where he lives with his wife and children. In addition to his research and teaching activities, Levchenko was economic expert for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) from 2004 to 2009. Furthermore, he is a scientific researcher at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).

The collaboration and knowledge exchange in the coming year will be both intense and exciting for the economists at the Department of Economics and Levchenko. The extension of the international



networking is important for the department and strengthens its position in the competition among the best universities.

Departure of Marios Angeletos

The Department of Economics must bid farewell to Marios Angeletos, who served as professor of macroeconomics and financial markets at the University of Zurich for one year. He is returning to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he had a leave of absence for one year. Over the last twelve months, the renowned macroeconomist made a valuable contribution to the department, for which it extends him much gratitude. He succeeded in inspiring and showing new perspectives by bringing his expertise to diverse seminars and project groups and in the many exciting discussions with colleagues. His presence again emphasized clearly how high the department's ambitions are.

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