CEAR Workshop
Sports Betting
July 23 and 24, 2018
Cork, Ireland: University College Cork

General Information

Betting on sports is an enormously popular activity, which earns significant revenues, enhances many fans’ sense of emotional involvement with sports, and, on the downside, causes substantial welfare loss to people who gamble recklessly or addictively. For the economist interested in people’s preferences over risk, and the interaction of these preferences with their beliefs about probabilities, sports betting provides a field setting almost ideally designed for supporting rich inferences. Policy makers and regulators who have responsibilities associated with sports, leisure, and gambling can gain crucial insights into, and predictive leverage over, responses to changes in odds and incentives through observations of naturally occurring sports betting, as well as through economists’ laboratory and field experiments with punters. The CEAR workshop on Sports Betting will bring together both researchers who specialize in the economics of sport, and theoretical and experimental risk specialists who use sports betting contexts as environments for establishing more general insights into risky choice.

Organizers

Glenn Harrison (CEAR, Georgia State University), and Don Ross (University College Cork, University of Cape Town, and CEAR) are the organizers of this workshop. Funding is being provided by CEAR: see cear.gsu.edu for more information. Standard travel and accommodation support for paper presenters will be provided. Should you have questions, please contact Professor Don Ross at don.ross931@gmail.com about the substance of the workshop, and contact Mark Schneider at cear@gsu.edu with questions about participation and logistics.

Dates & Times

Monday, July 23, 2018 – 8:55 to 18:00. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.
Monday, July 23, 2018 – 20:00 – Dinner for invited guests.
Tuesday, July 24, 2018 – 10:00 to 17:00. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Contact Mark Schneider at cear@gsu.edu should you have any dietary restrictions or special needs.

Location

The workshop will be held at University College Cork, in the North Wing Council Room. Presenters will be accommodated at The River Lee B&B, https://www.doylecollection.com/hotels/the-river-lee-hotel, Cork’s 4-star hotel on the river in downtown Cork.

The Economics Department at UCC is an internationally recognized hub for sports economics research, teaching and conferences. See http://www.sportseconomics.org/
Cork is the Irish Republic’s second city, European headquarters of Apple and other major companies, and famous for traditional artisanal foods, Murphy’s and Beamish stout ales, and historic architecture.  

Travel and Expenses

For invited speakers and panel participants, CEAR will cover hotel accommodation, conference meals, local transport, and standard economy airfares to Cork, Dublin, or Shannon airports.

Cork Airport is directly served from various airports in the United Kingdom, plus Amsterdam, Paris, Munich, and Reykjavik. Iceland’s WOW airline connects Cork to various North American destinations via Reykjavik. All major airline hubs abroad are connected to Dublin Airport, from which Cork is reached in 3 hours by overland shuttle. Several North American cities are directly connected to Shannon Airport, which is closer to Cork than Dublin.