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**JACOBS
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Over the last decade, the department has developed into a leading research department, consistently ranked among the top European economics departments. Our research has an interdisciplinary focus, combining modern economics with elements from political science, psychology, biology, sociology, and history. The department also hosts the world-renowned laboratory for experimental and behavioral economics, as well as the Laboratory for Social and Neural Systems Research. Faculty expertise covers all key areas of economics, including macroeconomics, applied and theoretical microeconomics, econometrics and neuroeconomics. A new and growing area of key expertise at the department is the **Economics of Child Development**. A selection of topics covered are the fetal origins of human capital development (Prof. Hannes Schwandt), the role of genetics and parental investment (Prof. Pietro Biroli) and child development in high poverty contexts (Prof. Guilherme Lichand).

Jacobs Center for Productive Youth Development

The Jacobs Center for Productive Youth Development is an interdisciplinary research center at the University of Zurich, with competence centers in psychology, sociology, and economics. The joint mission of the center is to explore how social, psychological, biological, and economic factors interact in creating opportunities and overcoming obstacles in child and youth development. Further key questions are how these early determinants of socioeconomic success translate into disadvantages in adulthood and which policies are particularly cost-effective to improve child development and thereby reduce inequality in the overall society in the long run.

Symposium in Honor of Janet Currie

Children, Families and Human Capital

Agenda: Friday, April 28, 2017

13.15 - 13.45 Welcome Coffee

All talks take place in the ECON Seminar Room (SOF-G-21)

13.45 - 14.00 Introduction
Rainer Winkelmann, Hannes Schwandt (University of Zurich)

14.00 - 14.45 New evidence on the dangers of low blood lead levels
Janet Currie (Princeton University)

14.45 - 15.30 Improving the performance and self-regulatory skills of primary school children
Ernst Fehr (University of Zurich)

15.30 - 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 - 16.45 The human capital approach to inference
Bentley MacLeod (Columbia University)

16.45 - 17.30 When work disappears: manufacturing decline and the falling marriage-market value on men.
David Dorn (University of Zurich)

17.30 Apéro

About the Honoree

Janet Currie is the Henry Putnam Professor of Economics and Public Affairs at Princeton University, the chair of Princeton's Economics Department, and the co-director of Princeton's Center for Health and Wellbeing.

Her research focuses on health and wellbeing, especially of children. In more than 130 publications, she advanced the field of child development, establishing the role of early life intervention programs, programs to expand health insurance and improve health care, public housing, and food and nutrition programs.

Her current research focuses on socioeconomic differences in health care, environmental threats to health, and mental health.

On Saturday, April 29, 2017, Janet Currie will be awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Zurich as part of the University's *Dies academicus* festivities.



Interested in attending the symposium?

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