



1st GARS Online Panel Discussion

The Coronavirus Outbreak: An Unprecedented Shock for Aviation -- What Now?

14 April 2020, 10am-12pm CEST

In cooperation with the German Aviation Research Society (GARS) and the Bremen University of Applied Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University hosts the 1st GARS Online Panel Discussion on how the Coronavirus outbreak affects the future of aviation. How long will the aviation industry need to recover from country lockdowns? Will it be a V-shape, U-shape or even an L-shape recovery? Are bailouts necessary and, if so, under what conditions? How can international policy coordination help manage the situation? Can a global recession be avoided? What are the environmental policy implications of the crisis? A panel of aviation experts will discuss these and other questions online.

Panellists (in alphabetical order):

Andrew Charlton, Managing Director of Aviation Advocacy

Ian Douglas, UNSW Sydney and Chair of the International Air Services Commission, Australia

Peter Forsyth, Monash University, Melbourne

Xiaowen Fu, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong

Brian Pearce, Chief Economist International Air Transport Association (IATA)

Mike Tretheway, Chief Economist & Chief Strategy Officer of InterVISTAS, Vancouver

Moderator

Achim I. Czerny, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong

PROGRAM

The online session starts at 10am CEST with a presentation by Brian Pearce. The moderator then introduces the other panellists and invites panel members to briefly comment on the current situation in aviation before the detailed answers to the above-mentioned questions are discussed. There will be one break around 10:50am. The floor will be opened for questions of the audience before the end of the session. There will be enough time for intense debates between the panellists and the audience. The online event will end no later than 12pm CEST.

Registration (free of charge)

There are a limited number of places available which will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis. For registration, please click <https://polyu.hk/bcwkq>. For further information, please check www.garonline.de or contact achim.czerny@polyu.edu.hk.