
G.A.R.S. 

German Aviation Research Society e.V.
An International Network for Research in Aviation

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Our Aims:

Connecting Theory and Practice in Aviation

- ✈ **Providing** a platform for academics and practitioners working in aviation
- ✈ **Acting** as a forum to discuss recent developments in aviation
- ✈ **Promoting** the dialog between Research, Industry and Regulators
- ✈ **Supporting** academic talent in the field of aviation research



Where we come from:

A Network becomes an effective Organisation

- ✈ **2002:** Founded as an informal network of academics, consultants and aviation executives. First seminar in Berlin
- ✈ **2004:** First G.A.R.S book published with Ashgate Publishing
- ✈ **2006:** Incorporated as a registered society in Berlin
- ✈ **2007:** Membership increases to over 100
- ✈ **2008:** Workshop with University St. Gallen
- ✈ **2009:** Conference with University of Belgrade



Who we are:

Aviation Experts from around the world

✈ Board of Directors:

- ✈ **Prof. Dr. Hans-Martin Niemeier**, Hochschule Bremen (Chairman)
- ✈ **Prof. Dr. Jürgen Müller**, Berlin School of Economics (Vice President)
- ✈ **Jörg Bauer** (Vice President)
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- ✈ **Wolfgang Strehl**, Berlin School of Economics (Treasurer)
- ✈ **Dieter Wilken**, German Aerospace Center (Manager)
- ✈ **Wolfgang Grimme**, German Aerospace Center (Manager)

✈ Membership: 140 members (individuals and institutions)

✈ Germany:	60%
✈ Other Europe:	31%
✈ Asia/ Australia:	4%
✈ USA/ Canada:	4%
✈ Middle East:	1%

✈ Academics:	67%
✈ Consulting:	12%
✈ Airline/ Airport:	12%
✈ Other Practitioners	7%
✈ Regulators:	2%

Our Corporate Members: Research Institutions and Industry Leaders

✈ **Hogeschool van Amsterdam**



✈ **Amsterdam School of Technology**



✈ **Air Berlin Group**



✈ **European Business School (EBS)**



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Our Cooperation Partners:

The core of an Aviation Competence Cluster

- ✈ **German Aerospace Center (DLR)**
- ✈ **Airneth**, Amsterdam
- ✈ **Monash University**, Australia
- ✈ **University of British Columbia**, Canada
- ✈ **Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)**, Mannheim
- ✈ **Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWA)**
- ✈ **Hellenic Aviation Society**, Athens
- ✈ **University of St. Gallen - Center for Aviation Competence**
- ✈ **Frontier Economics**, London

Our Activities (I): Conferences, Workshops and Publications

✈ **Organizing** conferences and workshops on aviation issues (e.g.):

- ✈ Aviation and the Environment
- ✈ Predatory Behaviour in Aviation
- ✈ Airport Competition and Benchmarking
- ✈ Airport Slot Allocation
- ✈ Liberalization of Air Transport
- ✈ Airport Regulation



✈ **Publishing** books on aviation topics

✈ **Supporting** students and junior researchers with special workshops to present their work and discuss with economists

Our Activities (II):

Conferences bringing new Ideas together

- ✈ **Air Traffic Management Economics** (Belgrade, 2009)
- ✈ **Aviation and the Environment** (Bad Honnef, 2008)
- ✈ **The Future Role of Business Jets in Air Transport** (St. Gallen, 2008)
- ✈ **EU-US Open Skies and Liberalization of Airt Transport** (The Hague, 2008)
- ✈ **New Issues in Airline and Airport Economics** (Hamburg, 2008)
- ✈ **Competition in Transport Markets** (Mannheim, 2007)
- ✈ **Aviation and Environment** (Cologne, 2007)
- ✈ **EU Liberalization** (Amsterdam, 2006)
- ✈ **Liberalization of Air Transport and Airport Benchmarking** (London, 2006)
- ✈ **Benchmarking and Airport Competition** (Vienna, 2005)
- ✈ **Congestion and Competition** (Hamburg, 2004)
- ✈ **How to Make Slot Markets Work** (Bremen 2003 and Berlin 2004)
- ✈ **Role of Competition** in the Future Airport Industry (Leipzig, 2003)
- ✈ **Will Hubs Become Unbroken** (Berlin 2003)
- ✈ **Predatory Pricing** (Berlin, 2002)

Our Activities (III): Publications on Aviation Topics

✈ **The Economic Regulation of Airports (2004)**

Edited by P. Forsyth, D. Gillen, A. Knorr, O. G. Mayer, H.-M. Niemeier, D. Starkie

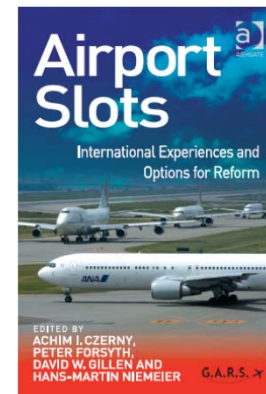


✈ **Competition versus Predation in Aviation Markets (2006)**

Edited by P. Forsyth, D. W. Gillen, O. G. Mayer, H.-M. Niemeier

✈ **Airport Slots - International Experiences and Options for Reform (2008)**

Edited by A. Czerny, P. Forsyth, D. Gillen and H.-M. Niemeier



✈ **Airport Competition - The European Experience (2010)**

Edited by P. Forsyth, D. Gillen J. Müller and H.-M. Niemeier

Outlook:

Research Focus 2009 - 2010

Scheduled events in 2009:

- **Feb: GARS Workshop @ Hamburg Aviation Conference**
- **Jul: Junior Research Workshop (Amsterdam)**
- **Jul: Airports and the Environment – How to balance economic and environmental concerns (Bremen)**
- **Sep: ATM Economics (Belgrade)**
- **Nov: Seminar on Airport Benchmarking (Berlin)**

Planned events in 2010

- **Mar: 1st Transatlantic G.A.R.S. Workshop** in Cooperation with Airneth, University of Maryland and George Mason University
- **May: Workshop with the Hellenic Aviation Society (Athen)**
- **Jun: Business jets - economic and ecologic impacts (ILA, Berlin)**

How can you support our initiative?

✈ Forms of Membership and Benefits:

✈ Individual Members

Fee: 25 EUR/ Year (Students: 10 EUR/ Year)

Benefits: Discounts at Ashgate Publishing and Hamburg Aviation Conference, GARS events for free

✈ Corporate Members

Fee: 300 EUR/ Year (Non Profit: 150 EUR/ Year)

Benefits: Up-to-date in Aviation Research, Access to talent pool for recruitment, networking, up to 10 employees at GARS events for free

✈ Sustaining Members (Fördermitglieder)

Fee: to be determined

✈ Grants