

**NEWSLETTER 2018-29****CALENDAR:****Departmental Seminar**

Silke Übelmesser (University of Jena):  
*Risk Attitudes and Migration Decisions*

Monday, December 3  
16:30–18:00  
H26

**IOS Seminar**

Vladimir Otrachshenko (Nova School of Business and  
Economics/IOS Regensburg):  
*Climate Change and Violence: Evidence from Russia*

Tuesday, December 4  
13:30–15:00  
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**Economic and Social History Seminar**

Arndt Kluge (Hof):  
Ein vorindustrielles Relikt? Heimarbeit und Verlagswesen am  
Beispiel der Baumwollverarbeitung in der Hofer Region

Wednesday, December 5  
18:00–20:15  
VG 1.30

**ABSTRACTS:****Departmental Seminar**

Silke Übelmesser:

(Joint work with Roberto Roca Paz)

*Risk Attitudes and Migration Decisions*

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*Abstract:* This paper analyzes the relationship between individuals' attitudes towards risk and their decision to migrate. For this, we consider migration in the United States across Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) for the period 1997-2015 based on a panel dataset from the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID). This dataset includes a series of hypothetical-gamble questions to elicit individual risk attitudes.

Using random-effects specifications, we find that being relatively more willing to take risks is positively and statistically significantly related to cross-MSA migration, after controlling for conventional socio-economic and labour-market characteristics.

For cross-state migration, which involves larger uncertainty, risk attitudes are even more important. Taking into account the distance between MSAs, we find that risk attitudes play a larger role in determining if individuals migrate across MSAs than in determining how far they move. Furthermore, when considering self-selection, we find with a Heckman specification that risk attitudes play a role in determining whether individuals self-select into migration, but not for the number of moves.

**IOS Seminar**

Vladimir Otrachshenko:

*Climate Change and Violence: Evidence from Russia*

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*Abstract:* We use a dataset on violent crime and daily temperatures across regions of Russia to assess the effect of climate change on violent mortality. Our measure goes beyond the crime statistics, covering all violence with mortal consequences. We are able to estimate the effect of hot days on female and male victimization, as well as across age groups, for workdays and weekdays. Hot days significantly increase the incidence of mortal violence. Violence victimizing women 25 to 59 years old and men between 45 and 59 rises dramatically on weekends. Men aged 45 to 59 are twice as likely to be victims of violence on weekends as opposed to weekdays. Days with unusually low temperatures do not elicit the same level of violence, either because of diminished social interaction or lower influence of psychological and biological triggers.

**Economic and Social History Seminar**

Arndt Kluge:

*Ein vorindustrielles Relikt? Heimarbeit und Verlagswesen am Beispiel der Baumwollverarbeitung in der Hofer Region*

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*Abstract:* Weltweit sind viele Millionen Menschen in der Hausindustrie tätig, oft in der Wirtschaftsweise des Verlagssystems. Am historischen Beispiel wird gezeigt, welche Chancen Hausindustrie und Verlagswesen bieten und mit welchen Problemen sie behaftet sind. Der Vortrag ist die Antrittsvorlesung des Referenten.

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