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## CALENDAR

**IOS Seminar**

Maksym Obrizan (Kyiv School of Economics)

"Gender Gap in Urban Job Market During the Pandemic - The Case of Ukraine"

**Lunch Seminar**

Vanessa Schöller (University of Regensburg)

"Creative Contests and Peer Review"

**Economic and Social History Seminar**

Brian A'Hearn (Oxford)

"Mobility of the Innocents. Foundlings and Social Mobility in Italy since 1800"

**Tue, June 7**

17:00 - 18:30

Zoom-Meeting

**Wed, June 8**

12:00 - 13:00

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**Wed, June 8**

18:00 - 20:15

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## ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

### **IOS Seminar**

Maksym Obrizan (Kyiv School of Economics)

“Gender Gap in Urban Job Market During the Pandemic - The Case of Ukraine”

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Gender inequality in job market outcomes has been exacerbated by the COVID epidemic around the Globe. While there is a growing literature on worsening gender gap for developed countries, not much is known about the situation in transition countries. We fill in this gap in the literature by using novel panel data from Ukraine, a transition country in Eastern Europe, which enacted strict quarantine policies early on. We model four binary outcomes to identify gender gap for respondents (i) who are not working during quarantine, (ii) those who are more likely to work from home, (iii) respondents who are afraid of losing a job, and, finally, (iv) survey participants who have savings for 1 month or less if quarantine is further extended. Our pooled and random effects models consistently indicate no gender gap in the probability of not working, fearing to lose job or having savings for less than one month. This interesting result of non-deteriorating gender gap can potentially be explained by higher chances of urban Ukrainian women to switch to telecommuting compared to men. Although our findings are limited to urban households only, they provide important early evidence on the effects of gender on job market outcomes, expectations, and financial security.

*Info:*

<https://ios-regensburg-de.zoom.us/j/68023126605?pwd=MVU2YU9QUFIkM3hrOWITSnplcIBYUT09>

Meeting ID: 680 2312 6605

Passcode: 679101

### **Lunch Seminar**

Vanessa Schöller (University of Regensburg)

“Creative Contests and Peer Review”

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To determine employees’ promotion and pay, many organizations rely on performance management systems based on peer-review. However, previous literature shows that evaluations are downward biased, which results in inefficiencies. We experimentally analyze if (i) the number of referees and (ii) the transparency of the review process leads to more truthful evaluations and if it affects participants’ effort provision. As work tasks are getting more complex and require creative thinking, we study the effect of the treatment conditions on a creative task. We hypothesize that the treatments will affect evaluations and effort provision primarily through diffusion of responsibility and social image.

*Info:*

in person



## **Economic and Social History Seminar**

Brian A'Hearn (Oxford)

"Mobility of the Innocents. Foundlings and Social Mobility in Italy since 1800"

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We trace the social mobility of a disadvantaged group – foundling children and their descendants – across the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Abandoned children in Italy were given characteristic surnames, allowing us to identify their descendants in sources pertaining to both lower and upper social strata, in prison registers and top taxpayer lists, respectively. Our case study pertains to the province of Florence, where the surname Innocenti (in several variants) was given to foundling children until the practice was banned in 1817. Analogous surnames and source materials should make it possible to apply the same approach in other parts of Italy.

*Info:*

in person and via <https://uni-regensburg.zoom.us/j/99496312592>



## CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRESENTATIONS

**Johanna Röhrs** presented her paper "Income Taxation and Job Creation" at the Spring Meeting of Young Economists in Orléans on May 21.

**Veronika Püschel** presented her paper "Progressive Pensions as an Incentive for Labor Force Participation" (joint with F. Kindermann) at the Spring Meeting of Young Economists in Orléans on May 21.

### INTERVIEWS

**Lea Cassar** gave an interview to "Die Wirtschaftszeitung" and spoke about "Arbeit als ein wichtiger Ort der Sinnsuche". For more information see: <https://www.die-wirtschaftszeitung.de/aktuelles/arbeit-als-ein-wichtiger-ort-der-sinnsuche/>

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