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CALENDAR

Departmental Seminar

Roberto Weber (University of Zurich)

"On the Relative Deservingness of Capital and Labor"

Mon, July 11

16:00 - 17:30

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IOS Seminar

Artjoms Ivlevs (University of the West of England and IZA)

"Exploring Former KGB Informants: Where to Start and Where to Go?"

Tue, July 12

14:00 - 15:30

109 (Landshuter Str.
4) and

Zoom-Meeting

Lunch Seminar

Andreas Roider (University of Regensburg)

"Management and Performance in the Public Sector: Evidence from German Municipalities"

Wed, July 13

12:00 - 13:00

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ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Departmental Seminar

Roberto Weber (University of Zurich)

“On the Relative Deservingness of Capital and Labor”

Joint work with F. H. Schneider and V. Valero

The allocation of production rewards between capital and labor is a topic of long-standing interest to economists, with recent growing attention due to rising capital shares and inequality. We study, using pre-registered experiments with representative samples of the US and the Swiss populations, perceptions of fairness in the allocation of rewards to work and investment. Our design holds constant many factors that may influence individuals' policy preferences over such allocations. In the experiment, two participants provide separate inputs to production, either in the form of monetary investment or work effort; a different participant allocates the production rewards between the investor and the worker. We find substantial heterogeneity in the perceived deservingness of the two inputs, but also observe a tendency to allocate a greater share to labor than to capital. Our measure of the tendency to favor one input over the other predicts attitudes and policy-relevant voting behavior in support of policies that differentially reward capital and labor. Our findings indicate that people perceive different input factors as differentially deserving and that such fairness views directly impact policy preferences.

Info:

in person



IOS Seminar

Artjoms Ivlevs (University of the West of England and IZA)

“Exploring Former KGB Informants: Where to Start and Where to Go?”

In 2018, Latvia’s government decided to disclose/make publicly available information about all secret KGB informants that were present in Latvia when it was part of the USSR. The information contains names, addresses, and several other characteristics of the former informants, a large number of whom are still alive. These data are publicly available and the government allows/welcomes the use of the data for research. In this talk, I would like to present and discuss the following: (i) The reasons behind disclosing this information (transitional justice/lustration in the former communist countries); (ii) Ethical implications of doing research that would use this dataset; (iii) Potential research projects that might draw on this dataset; (iv) Initial exploration of the dataset.

Info:

in person and via Zoom-Meeting

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Meeting ID: 654 0083 9458

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Lunch Seminar

Andreas Roider (University of Regensburg)

“Management and Performance in the Public Sector: Evidence from German Municipalities”

Joint work with F. Englmaier, G. Mühlheusser and N. Wallmeier

The importance of management for the performance of private-sector firms has been firmly established. For organizations in the public sector, however, systematic evidence is still limited, in particular for advanced economies. We survey a large representative sample of German municipalities to provide evidence on their use of structured management practices. We document large heterogeneity, which is not explained by political and regional characteristics or by population size. Moreover, a strong positive correlation exists between the degree of structured management and measures of municipal performance in terms of their attractiveness for citizens and firms and in terms of their financial health. The association is particularly strong for management practices related to the monitoring of performance and to human resource management.

Info:

in person



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