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## CALENDAR

**Departmental Seminar**

Ghazala Azmat (Science Po Paris)

"Gender Promotion Gaps: Career Aspirations and Workplace Discrimination"

**IOS Seminar**

Krisztina Kis-Katos (University of Göttingen)

"Dealing with Agricultural Shocks: Income Source Diversification through Solar Panel Home Systems"

**Lunch Seminar**

Vanessa Schöller (University of Regensburg)

"Can Monetized Carbon Information Increase Pro-Environmental Behavior? Experimental Evidence"

**Economic and Social History Seminar**

Lukas Diebold (Mannheim)

"Credit, the Real Economy, and what happens in between"

**Mon, Nov 8**

16:00 - 17:30

Zoom-Meeting

**Tue, Nov 9**

14:00 - 15:30

Zoom-Meeting

**Wed, Nov 10**

12:00 - 13:30

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**Wed, Nov 10**

17:15 - 19:30

Zoom-Meeting



## ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

### **Departmental Seminar**

Ghazala Azmat (Science Po Paris)

“Gender Promotion Gaps: Career Aspirations and Workplace Discrimination”

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Using a representative survey of U.S. lawyers, we document a sizeable gender gap in early partnership aspirations, which explains half of the later gender promotion gap. We propose a model to understand aspirations and then empirically test it. We show that aspirations induce greater effort and increase regret if a promotion is not obtained. Furthermore, aspirations are linked to fertility choices and workplace experiences (mentoring and discrimination). Facing harassment or demeaning comments at an early career stage affects later promotion, mediated via a change in aspirations. We highlight that measuring aspirations, and understanding how they are formed, is key to explaining gender career gaps

*Info:*

<https://uni-regensburg.zoom.us/j/92822525842?pwd=YTdPY2l1RHJGK2NjSitxOEpYbU5Edz09>

### **IOS Seminar**

Krisztina Kis-Katos (University of Göttingen)

“Dealing with Agricultural Shocks: Income Source Diversification through Solar Panel Home Systems”

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This paper shows that solar panel home systems can help farmers in rural areas to mitigate income losses when they experience climatic shocks. We exploit a unique dataset, containing information about hourly electricity usage and daily loan repayment from customers of a solar panel company in Tanzania. Customer survey data combined with supervised machine-learning algorithms allows us to classify the customers’ daily electricity usage behavior and predict the likelihood of electricity usage for business purposes. Farmers who were exposed to a drought shock during the growing season are more likely to face loan repayment difficulties in the next harvest season, but are also more likely to adjust their electricity usage. Those who use solar panels in ways that are characteristic for business users, respond less strongly to such negative income shocks. This finding has important policy implications. Besides the direct benefits of access to electricity, solar panels can provide means for income diversification, which is particularly important in times of increasingly severe climatic events.

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<https://ios-regensburg-de.zoom.us/j/89058962985>



## **Lunch Seminar**

Vanessa Schöller (University of Regensburg)

“Can Monetized Carbon Information Increase Pro-Environmental Behavior?  
Experimental Evidence”

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Sustainability reporting has gained increasing attention over the last years, and more and more companies report on their environmental and social impacts in monetized form. Despite a large debate about monetization, empirical research investigating individuals' behavior when faced with this information type is sparse. Moreover, monetization can be based on abatement cost or social cost, which can have different effects on behavior that have not been studied so far. We aim to fill this gap by conducting an online experiment in which participants have the chance to purchase an emission-intensive virtual product. The product's carbon emissions are displayed in either kilogram, abatement costs, or social costs. We find that individuals' purchasing behavior does not significantly depend on the carbon display. However, most participants believe that social cost information leads to the least frequent purchase, and many subjects prefer this type of information. Therefore, we conclude that the high interest of firms to report on their social impact is mirrored in individuals' preferences as consumers, but we do not find supporting evidence in favor of its effect on individuals' behavior.

*Info:*

in person

## **Economic and Social History Seminar**

Lukas Diebold (Mannheim)

“Credit, the Real Economy, and what happens in between”

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The effect of credit expansions on future growth trajectories is becoming increasingly well researched. Theoretically, a number of transmission channels from credit to the real economy have been proposed, but work remains to be done on the empirical side. Building on Diebold and Richter (2021) I explore these channels in greater detail, with regard to the following questions: Which theoretical implications can be observed in the data? Are different channels working simultaneously, or is there one dominant channel of transmission? Does the impact of credit expansions on the real economy differ depending on how it is transmitted? How did these channels evolve in the macroeconomic context of falling interest rates and securitization?

*Info:*

<https://uni-mannheim.zoom.us/j/9840371383?pwd=M0ltYIRrN1Z3ekdHeGMyRG05anZYUT09>



## CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**David Russ** paper "Multidimensional Noise and Non-Fundamental Information Diversity" is accepted as publication in "The North American Journal of Economics and Finance" .

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