

**NEWSLETTER 2018-03****CALENDAR:****IOS Seminar**

Oleg Sidorkin (IOS)

The output additionality of R&D subsidies: Evidence from programmes interaction and learning effects

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Comparing ethnic segregation across German cities – measurement issues matter

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Distribution Dynamics in Turbulent Times: Income inequality in Germany and Britain, 1900-1950

Wednesday, January 24

18:00–20:15

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ABSTRACTS:**IOS Seminar**

Oleg Sidorkin

The output additionality of R&D subsidies: Evidence from programmes interaction and learning effects

Abstract: This paper studies programme synergy effects in the additionality of research and development (R&D) subsidy output. Using the inverse probability weighted regression adjustment estimator on data from nine programmes for direct public support of business R&D in the Czech Republic, we find that output additionality effects are weakly skewed toward firms participating in multiple programmes, but that the benefits tend to be rather short-lived. Both cross-sectional interaction effects of participating in multiple programmes at the same time and intertemporal learning effects of participating in programmes repeatedly are initially positive but largely fizzle out after few years. These findings caution governments against fragmenting the innovation policy mix into too many similar programmes and rather consider providing firms with comprehensive one stop shop interventions. The interaction effects between R&D subsidy programmes also increase the complexity of programme evaluation.

Real Estate Seminar

Annekatriin Niebuhr

Comparing ethnic segregation across German cities – measurement issues matter

(joint work with Moritz Meister)

Abstract: We investigate ethnic segregation in German cities based on geocoded data. The analysis takes into account some important measurement issues such as the modifiable areal unit problem and spatial autocorrelation. Our results point to a significant variation in ethnic segregation across cities. Urban areas in the south-west of the country tend to show a moderate degree of segregation whereas cities in East Germany and the Ruhr area are characterized by relatively high levels of segregation if we apply the most common segregation measure, the dissimilarity index. The ranking of cities is, however, sensitive to the assumptions regarding reallocation of population across neighborhoods that the use of different segregation measures involve. Moreover, the findings suggest that standard approaches tend to underrate the degree of segregation because they ignore the spatial clustering of ethnic groups. We also analyse the relationship between the degree of ethnic segregation and some basic features of cities. Preliminary results indicate that segregation increases with city size while evidence with respect to ethnic diversity is ambiguous.

Economic and Social History Seminar

Herman de Jong

Distribution Dynamics in Turbulent Times: Income inequality in Germany and Britain, 1900-1950

Abstract: Using dynamic social tables, which have not been used for European countries before, we contribute by providing new data on inequality in Germany and Britain on an annual basis for the first half of the twentieth century. Inequality trends in these two countries tended to follow totally opposite movements. The decline in inequality in Germany was interrupted during the WWI and the Nazi period, while in Britain the reversal took place between the end of WWI and the Great Depression. These results challenge the idea of an egalitarian revolution across Europe during the twentieth century and support the notion of inequality cycles.

NEW PUBLICATIONS:

Silvio Städter: *The effects of pay regulation when agents are loss averse*, Applied Economics Letters, forthcoming.

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