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IOS Seminar

Kamalbek Karymshakov (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University)

"Climate Change and Migration in Central Asia: Evidence from the Kyrgyz Republic"

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Dietrich Earnhart (University of Kansas)

"Causal Mechanisms behind Environmental Injustice: The Role of Enforcement"

Economic and Social History Seminar

Eva-Maria Roelevink (Freiberg)

"Die unternehmerische Genossenschaft: Die Emschergenossenschaft und das Phenol"

Tue, Oct 14

13:30 - 15:00

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Wed, Oct 15

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18:00 - 20:15

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ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

IOS Seminar

Kamalbek Karymshakov (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University)

“Climate Change and Migration in Central Asia: Evidence from the Kyrgyz Republic”

Labor migration has been a defining feature of Central Asia since the early 1990s, shaping economies, households, and societies across the region. At the same time, Central Asia faces growing challenges from climate change, with rising populations intensifying pressure on natural resources and increasing the potential for environmentally driven migration. According to the World Bank’s Groundswell report, under a pessimistic scenario, up to 2.4 million people in the region could be displaced by climate-related factors by 2050. Despite these pressing issues, empirical research linking climate change and migration in Central Asia remains scarce. This seminar will examine the intersections of climate change and migration through a review of the existing literature and present new evidence from nationally representative household survey data for the Kyrgyz Republic (2019–2022). The findings shed light on how climate stressors influence migration decisions and highlight areas for future research in the region.

Info:

In person in Room 109 and via Zoom-Meeting:

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Lunch Seminar

Dietrich Earnhart (University of Kansas)

“Causal Mechanisms behind Environmental Injustice: The Role of Enforcement”

Compliance with the Clean Water Act (CWA) clearly involves environmental justice (EJ) concerns. Communities with wastewater discharging facilities that fail to comply with CWA requirements are vulnerable to an array of water quality-related issues, e.g., contaminated drinking water sources. This vulnerability commonly correlates with EJ-related characteristics, such as income, race, ethnicity, and educational attainment. Establishing a statistical link from these local community characteristics to CWA compliance provides evidence that EJ factors may be in play. However, this simple link does not reveal the causal channels by which variation in local community characteristics leads to variation in compliance outcomes. This study examines the causal channels of regulatory interventions – inspections and enforcement actions (informal and formal) – designed to induce compliance with CWA requirements. Local community characteristics may shape these regulatory decisions in various ways. Agencies may purposefully increase their regulatory pressure on wastewater discharging facilities located in or near EJ communities in order to improve surface water quality in these communities. Alternatively, agencies may base their regulatory intervention decisions on the pressure exerted by an array of political actors (prominent local community members, local community organizations, locally elected politicians, etc.). This array of political pressure most likely reflects the distribution of political power that disadvantages EJ communities. Put differently, rich, white, non-Hispanic, and well-educated communities may more effectively convince agencies to take regulatory actions to induce better CWA compliance, thereby, improving surface water quality in these communities by reducing wastewater discharges. To identify the causal role of regulatory interventions, this study provides the following key forms of analysis. First, the study estimates the effects of EJ-related local community characteristics on facility-specific CWA compliance outcomes, which reflects the overall link from EJ elements to compliance. Second, the study estimates the effects of EJ-related local community characteristics on facility-specific intervention decisions made by federal and state agencies responsible for ensuring compliance with CWA requirements. Assessment of these estimated effects affirms whether or not EJ-related elements seem to shape agency decisions. If not, the set of causal channels linking EJ-related elements to CWA compliance does not seem to include a role for regulatory interventions. Third, the study re-estimates the effects of EJ-related local community characteristics on facility-specific CWA compliance outcomes after including regulatory interventions as control factors. If the set of interventions – inspections and enforcement actions – serve as meaningful causal channels, then inclusion of these interventions as control factors should meaningfully reduce the magnitudes of the EJ-related coefficients on income, race, ethnicity, and educational attainment. Moreover, if interventions represent the only causal channels, then the statistical significance of the EJ-related coefficients should evaporate

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Economic and Social History Seminar

Eva-Maria Roelevink (Freiberg)

“Die unternehmerische Genossenschaft: Die Emschergenossenschaft und das Phenol”

Die Emschergenossenschaft wurde 1904 als öffentlich-rechtliche Körperschaft gegründet. Eigentlich geht es nicht un-unternehmerischer. Ausgerechnet in der Frage der Reinigung des Abwassers im rheinisch-westfälischen Industrierevier entwickelte die „Genossenschaft“ dann aber ihre unternehmerische Logik. Der Vortrag geht dieser Entpuppung nach und diskutiert die vergangene Ökonomisierung von Umweltschäden.

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