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ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Departmental Seminar

Raphael Epperson (Universität Innsbruck)

"Fraud and Motivated Reasoning in Competition"

Fraudulent behavior is common in competitive environments, yet its contributing factors are still not well understood. We investigate whether motivated reasoning about others' fraudulent behavior is a key factor, i.e., whether individuals strategically bias their beliefs to reduce the moral costs of fraud. Across two experiments, which manipulate strategic considerations during belief formation, we find no evidence that motivated reasoning influences fraud or effort provision in competition. This result contrasts with previous evidence that motivated reasoning facilitates fraud in non-competitive environments. We show that our precise null results are not a consequence of competition. Instead, we fail to replicate previous findings from non-competitive environments despite a highly powered design (80% power to identify half of the original effect size). Our results thus call into question the robustness of motivated reasoning in explaining fraud more generally.

Info:

in person

IOS Seminar

Anri Sakakibara (Technical University of Munich)

"3G and Structural Transformation in Vietnam"

The widespread diffusion of the internet holds great potential to accelerate economic growth. One way through which this happens is by reducing information frictions, and lowering search and transaction costs. Despite growing evidence that digital infrastructure can enhance productivity, relatively little is known about its role in shaping the labour market in developing countries. In this paper, we investigate the impact of third-generation (3G) networks on labour market outcomes in Vietnam by exploiting the staggered rollout of the 3G networks across the country. We find that 3G rollout did not increase labour force participation, but reallocated workers into the formal and non-agricultural sectors. We also find evidence that 3G had a larger effect in the structural transformation of the female labour force, providing evidence for the gendered effects of digital innovation on the labour market.

Info:

In person in Room 109 and via Zoom-Meeting:

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Lunch Seminar

Theresia Stahl (Universität Regensburg)

"A General Equilibrium OLG climate-economy model with a non deterministic damage function"

Two of the most persistent challenges in climate macroeconomics are intergenerational distribution and uncertainty. To address these issues, I develop a general equilibrium overlapping generations model featuring climate damage states that depend on a probability vector. The entries of this vector are influenced by pollution levels and abatement activities. I apply this framework to a variety of social welfare functions, discuss my findings, and highlight how they differ from those of standard models. The main contributions are twofold: First, I establish definitive results regarding the relative magnitude of the carbon tax across different welfare frameworks. Second, I characterize damage-state-contingent lump-sum transfers.

Info:

in person

Economic and Social History Seminar

Jan Werner (Konstanz)

"NS-Organisation unter dem Radar? Die Werkscharen der Deutschen Arbeitsfront am Beispiel der Luftschiffbau Zeppelin GmbH"

Die paramilitärischen Verbände der DAF stellen bislang einen wenig erforschten Beteiligtenkreis in der nationalsozialistischen Betriebspolitik dar, obwohl sich mehrere zehn- bis hunderttausende Personen in der Werkscharen engagierten. Die politische Zielsetzung hinter diesen Gliederungen, Biographien von Beteiligten und ihr tatsächliches Aufgabenprofil lassen sich anhand von Unterlagen des LZ-Unternehmensarchivs, des Bundesarchivs und weiterer Institutionen rekonstruieren. Während in den Friedensjahren die Aktionsfelder der Propaganda, politische Schulungsarbeit und die Bereitschaft zum Vorgehen gegen oppositionelle Stimmen die Hauptaufgaben der Werkscharen darstellten, kamen ab 1939 die Werksicherheit im Rüstungsunternehmen und die Bewachung ausländischer Zwangsarbeiter*innen hinzu. Trotz dieser Verstrickung in das politische System und der punktuellen Beteiligung an NS-Unrecht, blieben ehemalige Werkscharleute nach Kriegsende wegen ihres institutionellen Zuschnitts in weiten Teilen unbehelligt.

Info:

in person



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