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Economics and Sustainability Seminar

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“Reintegrating Older Long-Term Unemployed Workers: The Impact of Temporary Job Guarantees ”

IOS Seminar

Mrdjan Mladjan (EBS Business School)

“The Unorthodox Orthodox? Religion, Compromise, and Attitudes Toward Women in the Labor Market”

Mon, April 20

14:15 - 15:30

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Tue, April 21

13:30 - 15:00

109 and zoom



ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Economics and Sustainability Seminar

Pia Heckl (ifo)

“Reintegrating Older Long-Term Unemployed Workers: The Impact of Temporary Job Guarantees ”

Long-term unemployment among older workers is particularly difficult to overcome. We study the impacts of a large-scale job guarantee program that offered up to two years of fully subsidized employment to long-term unemployed individuals aged 50 and above. Using a sharp age-based discontinuity in eligibility, we find that participation increased regular, unsubsidized employment by 43 percentage points two years after the program ended. The gains are driven by transitions into new firms and industries, rather than continued subsidized employment, and we find no evidence of displacement effects for non-participants or spillovers to family members. The program had no measurable short-run health effects.

Info:

in person



IOS Seminar

Mrdjan Mladjan (EBS Business School)

“The Unorthodox Orthodox? Religion, Compromise, and Attitudes Toward Women in the Labor Market”

We study the effect of adherence to Eastern Orthodox Christianity on attitudes toward women’s participation in the workforce. To do so, we first develop a novel theoretical framework that defines religion as a constraint on one’s attitudes and actions. Next, building on research in social psychology, we argue that the four most numerous religious denominations (Catholicism, Protestantism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Islam) differ in the extent to which religious believers consult external ideas and opinions to shape their own opinions. We show that those of Orthodox belief are most likely to seek and empathize with others’ ideas and beliefs, implying that Orthodox followers will also have the most liberal attitudes toward women’s work compared to the other three denominations. To test our hypotheses, we exploit the last five waves of the World Values Survey (1995-2022) and utilize four broad groups of questions as dependent variables: motivation for labor market participation, social constraints, family constraints, and incentives to join the labor market. The findings align with our theoretical prediction and indicate that Orthodox Christians have attitudes most supportive of women’s work. Our findings are not driven by differences in religiosity, the prevalence of communism and differences in governmental institutions, or migration, and highlight the link between religion and attitudes toward women’s work.

Info:

Zoom-Meeting:

<https://ios-regensburg-de.zoom.us/j/68902085574?pwd=ZaptxzIAMAhcX3UuBDDJzcl6NrkvGW.1>

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Passcode: 210393



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On April 9, Lutz Arnold presented his paper "Screening, Greenwashing, and Market Collapse in the Market for Green Debt" at the CMAP-CREST Quantitative Sustainable Economics and Finance Seminar at Ecole Polytechnique in Paris.

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