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CALENDAR

Economics and Sustainability Seminar

Eva Ranehill (Lund University)

"Beliefs and Preferences in Coordinated Discrimination"

Mon, Apr 27

14:15 - 15:30

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IOS Seminar

Patrick Nüß (Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH))

"Captured by Conflict: Examining the Consequences of War on the Board"

Tue, April 28

13:30 - 15:00

109 and zoom



ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Economics and Sustainability Seminar

Eva Ranehill (Lund University)

“Beliefs and Preferences in Coordinated Discrimination”

This study investigates discrimination in contexts requiring coordination among independent agents. In this type of context, discrimination may occur either because people personally discriminate against one group of individuals, or because people best respond to the belief that others will discriminate. We conduct experimental studies to study this type of coordinated discrimination. Our design builds on a game where two “followers” must coordinate by selecting the same “leader” to receive a payoff, with leaders writing messages to influence followers’ decisions. We examine scenarios where one leader is male and the other female, under both gender-blind and gender-visible conditions. Our findings reveal that followers anticipate discrimination against female leaders by others. However, on average, their own choices do not align with these expectations. Our tentative interpretation is that at least some individuals are reluctant to engage in discrimination, even when it is a best response to expectation of discrimination by others.

Info:

in person

IOS Seminar

Patrick Nüß (Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH))

“Captured by Conflict: Examining the Consequences of War on the Board”

This paper uses data from over 500,000 chess games played between 2020 and 2023 to study how war affects cognitive performance. We combine these data with geo-located information on air-raid alarms and explosions during the first 18 months of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Using computer-evaluated play quality and exploiting within-player variation across tournaments, we find that conflict exposure significantly impairs cognitive performance. Each additional air-raid alarm on the day of play increases error size and likelihood. Effects are substantially larger for nighttime alarms and strongest when alarms occur shortly before tournament starts. The impact is particularly pronounced in the middle and endgame stages, where strategic planning and problem-solving are essential. These results provide evidence of a real-time cognitive cost of war operating through sleep disruption and stress, with implications for productivity and economic activity.

Info:

Zoom-Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 689 0208 5574

Passcode: 210393



CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

Yvonne Kraus will give a presentation on "Einfluss der Lernkultur auf die Technologieakzeptanz in Organisationen: Implikationen für das interne Marketing" on Wednesday, April 29th at 10:00 in Room RW(S) 101.

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