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Éric Roca Fernández (CERDI, Université de Clermont-Auvergne)

"Medieval Cathedral Construction and Economic Development"

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ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Lunch Seminar

Marie-Theres Gasser (University of Regensburg)

“Who Scores from Hosting Sports Events? Local Spending Effects of the EURO 2024”

Hosting mega-sports events generates optimistic projections of economic benefits, yet empirical evidence on actual local returns remains mixed. Focusing on the UEFA EURO 2024 in Germany, we provide causal evidence on the short-term local consumption effects of hosting mega-events. We leverage anonymized daily card spending data at the postcode level to measure changes in consumer spending. Using a difference-in-differences and a local projection framework, we document a statistically significant and economically meaningful 3% increase in consumer spending in host cities during the tournament. This effect is driven entirely by international visitors, whose spending increases by more than 6%, and is concentrated in the group stage and on match days. Domestic spending does not change on aggregate, but exhibits spatial displacement. The gains are highly concentrated in city centers and tourist-facing sectors. Overall, our findings provide policymakers with highly granular evidence on the localized economic effects of mega-sports events, highlighting how temporary demand shocks reshape intra-urban consumption patterns and concentrate gains in central, tourism-oriented areas.

Info:

in person

Lunch Seminar

Sebastian Kunz (University of Regensburg)

“Pension Income and Post-Retirement Labor Supply”

This paper provides causal evidence on how pension income affects labor supply after retirement. We exploit the introduction of the German Earned Income Pension Credit (*Grundrente*), which permanently increased pension income for retirees with long contribution histories and comparatively low lifetime earnings. The reform generates exogenous variation in non-labor income without creating additional labor supply distortions, allowing us to isolate pure income effects. Using administrative data covering the universe of German retirees and a difference-in-differences design, we find that a 1,200 euro increase in annual pension income reduces unconditional labor earnings by approximately 122 euros, implying a marginal propensity to earn out of unearned income of -0.1 . Two thirds of this response reflects extensive margin adjustments, which operate through both increased exit and reduced re-entry, with the remainder driven by intensive margin reductions. Effects are stronger for younger, more labor-market-attached cohorts.

Info:

in person



Lectures in Leadership

Dr. Roland Greb (Vorstandsvorsitzender REWAG)

“Der Change bei der REWAG - ein Unternehmen aus einer Traditionsbranche wird digital und agil”

Dr. Robert Greb ist seit April 2023 Vorstandsvorsitzender der REWAG Regensburger Energie- und Wasserversorgung AG und Co KG. Er hat Wirtschaftsingenieurswesen in Berlin studiert und war unter anderem bei der Mannheimer MVV Energie AG, bei der Freiburger badenova GmbH Co KG und als Geschäftsführer bei den Stadtwerken in Delitzsch tätig. Die REWAG versorgt über 200.000 Kunden in und um Regensburg mit Strom, Erdgas, Wärme und Trinkwasser. Der strategische Fokus der REWAG liegt in den kommenden Jahren darauf, insbesondere die Infrastruktur, vor allem das Stromnetz, fit, für die durch die Energiewende enorm gestiegenen Anforderungen, zu machen. Außerdem ist der signifikante Ausbau von Wärmenetzen geplant. (Quelle: REWAG)
Anmeldung unter: www.roots-lecture.de/leadership

Info:

in person

IOS Seminar

Èric Roca Fernández (CERDI, Université de Clermont-Auvergne)

“Medieval Cathedral Construction and Economic Development”

This paper proposes that cathedral construction served as mechanism for diffusing tacit knowledge in medieval Europe. When knowledge is embodied in skilled individuals, its diffusion requires their physical movement. In setting with expensive travel and scarce information, such movement was rare. The Church's fiscal apparatus concentrated dispersed resources into single sites over decades, generating sustained demand for specialist labor that justified costly relocation. Using panel of European cities from 700 to 1500, we instrument cathedral construction with fires and lightning strikes. We find that construction raised subsequent urban population. Mechanism evidence points to targeted diffusion: construction attracted engineers and artists, while producing no response among other occupations. Construction also reduced distance to nearest crane, complex capital good with specialized mechanical knowledge, indicating local presence of engineering capacity applicable beyond cathedral itself.

Info:

Zoom-Meeting:

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