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Departmental Seminar
Lukas Mahler (KU Leuven)

"Health, Longevity, and Retirement Dynamics: Implications for Social Security Progressivity"

Mon, Nov 02
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Marcin Baron (University of Economics in Katowice)

"Future Re-fuelled? The Institutional Dynamics of Polish-German Industrial Cooperation in Times of Transition "

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Zacharias Sautner (Universität Zürich)

"Biodiversity Impacts of Renewable Energy"

Wed, Nov 04
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ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Departmental Seminar

Lukas Mahler (KU Leuven)

"Health, Longevity, and Retirement Dynamics: Implications for Social Security Progressivity"

How do differences in health and longevity shape redistribution through public pension systems, and how do pension policies themselves affect these outcomes? We study these questions in the context of Germany, using a quantitative life-cycle model with endogenous health investment, labor supply, and retirement. We estimate the model using household survey data linked to administrative pension records. Our framework allows us to examine how differences in lifetime earnings, health, longevity, and retirement behavior jointly determine the distribution of pension contributions and benefits. We then use the model to evaluate the distributional effects of alternative pension reforms, accounting for individuals' behavioral responses. In particular, we investigate how changes in health investment and longevity in response to pension policies affect their redistributive consequences, and how these effects differ from those obtained when health and longevity are treated as exogenous.

Info:
in person



IOS Seminar

Marcin Baron (University of Economics in Katowice)

"Future Re-fuelled? The Institutional Dynamics of Polish-German Industrial Cooperation in Times of Transition "

Since the 1990s, German investment and international production networks have supported industrial modernization, employment and income growth in Polish regions. Rising production costs, uncertain demand for new technologies and restructuring in German manufacturing are changing the conditions sustaining this cooperation. This presentation examines how firms and regional institutions respond, and what their responses mean for future Polish-German industrial relations. It characterizes these relations as hierarchical coopetition, in which close production ties coexist with competition for investment and unequal technological capabilities. An ongoing review of media, read alongside comparative economic evidence, informs a preliminary typology of overlapping challenges. These include the uneven redistribution of production and employment, and exposure to geopolitical conflict and trade policy. Further challenges arise from dependence on external decisions about technological upgrading and on production networks serving third countries. The typology also addresses difficulties in redirecting existing capabilities towards new activities, alongside energy costs and supply security. Changing ownership and bargaining positions raise questions about the allocation of functions and control between industrial locations. Continued media analysis and planned stakeholder interviews will examine how these challenges shape regional adaptation and the durability of industrial cooperation.

Info:

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Meeting ID: 671 7912 5119
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Lunch Seminar

Zacharias Sautner (Universität Zürich)

"Biodiversity Impacts of Renewable Energy"

Renewable energy is essential for mitigating climate change but can harm biodiversity through habitat loss. We combine spatial biodiversity data, satellite imagery, and asset-level information on 47,616 hydro, solar, and wind plants to construct a measure of their biodiversity impacts. Solar plants have high aggregate impacts due to land use, while hydro plants are often sited in biodiversity-sensitive areas. Impacts are highly concentrated, skewed, and vary across plants by owner type (listed versus unlisted, financial versus non-financial) and financing structure (project versus corporate finance). Counterfactual analyses show that nearby siting alternatives could reduce impacts substantially without foregoing renewable energy investment.

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in person

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