



NEWSLETTER 2020-12

CALENDAR:

Lunch Seminar

Michaela Pagel (Columbia University):

Bumped: The Effects of Stock Rewards on Individual Spending

Zoom-meeting

Wednesday, Mai 27

16:30-18:00

Economic and Social History Seminar

Sandro Nürnberger (Regensburg):

Die Finanzen und Investitionen des fürstlichen Hauses Thurn und Taxis von 1819 bis 1919 am Beispiel von Unternehmensbeteiligungen

Zoom-meeting

Wednesday, Mai 27

18:15-20:00

ABSTRACTS:

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Michaela Pagel:

Bumped: The Effects of Stock Rewards on Individual Spending

Abstract: In this study, we quantify the effects of awarding stocks from certain brands on spending in the brand's stores.

We use data from a new FinTech app called Bumped that allows users to apply for a brokerage account and rewards them with stock when they shop at previously elected stores in several retail categories. For identification, we use the staggered distribution of Bumped accounts over time after individuals had signed up for a waitlist. We find that individuals spend approximately 30% to 40% more per week at elected brands and stores after being allocated a Bumped account. Additionally, we utilize the fact that Bumped granted users with stocks from several companies at different points in time, as part of a promotional program. In response to the stock reward, individuals increase their spending by 150% at the brands of which they received the stocks and their overall spending in elected brands increases by 20%. Finally, we use variation in the fraction of eligible spending that got ultimately rewarded and find a more persistent response when a larger fraction of spending is rewarded.

Info: For further information such as the Zoom-meeting details please visit: www-vwl.ur.de/forschung

Economic and Social History Seminar

Sandro Nürnberg:

Die Finanzen und Investitionen des fürstlichen Hauses Thurn und Taxis von 1819 bis 1919 am Beispiel von Unternehmensbeteiligungen

Abstract: Das fürstliche Haus Thurn und Taxis begann sich im späteren 19. Jahrhundert vermehrt an Industrieunternehmen zu beteiligen. Während einzelne derartige Fälle wie die Regensburger Zuckerfabrik in der Literatur durchaus ihre Würdigung finden, bleibt dieser Aspekt ansonsten bisher so gut wie unerforscht. Hier soll auf dieses Tätigkeitsfeld der sog. fürstlichen „Kapitalienverwaltung“ näher eingegangen werden und anhand einiger Fallbeispiele dargelegt werden, wie die fürstliche Verwaltung dabei vorging und mit welchen anderen Akteuren sie dabei zusammenarbeitete.

Info: Link: <https://uni-regensburg.zoom.us/j/99496312592>

The password is available at request from Sekretariat.WiSo@ur.de or Alexandra.Prem@ur.de

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