



NEWSLETTER 2020-25

CALENDAR:

Departmental Seminar

Lukas Kiessling (Max-Planck-Institut Bonn):
The Long-run Effects of Peers on Mental Health

Monday, Nov 23
 16:00-17:30
 Zoom-meeting

IOS/UR Seminar (Prof. Frensch)

Petru Negura (IOS and Free International University of Moldova):
*Institutional trust, support to government and forms of solidarity
 in Moldova during the early phase of COVID-19 pandemic*

Tuesday, Nov 24
 13:30-15:00
 Zoom-meeting

Economic and Social History Seminar

Eirini Karamouzi (University of Sheffield):
Greece and EEC membership: Was it a mistake?

special day, special time
 Tuesday, Nov 24
 16:15-17:45
 Zoom-meeting

Lunch Seminar

David Ruß (Universität Regensburg):
*Multidimensional Noise and Non-Fundamental Information
 Diversity*

Wednesday, Nov 25
 12:00-13:30
 H25

ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION:

Departmental Seminar

Lukas Kiessling:

The Long-run Effects of Peers on Mental Health

Abstract: This paper studies how peers in school affect students' mental health. Guided by atheoretical framework, we find that increasing students' relative ranks in their cohorts by one standard deviation improves their mental health by 6% of a standard deviation conditional on own ability. These effects are more pronounced for low-ability students, persistent for at least 14 years, and carry over to economic long-run outcomes. Moreover, we document a pronounced asymmetry: Students who receive negative rather than positive shocks react more strongly. Our findings therefore provide evidence on how the school environment can have long-lasting consequences for individuals' well-being.

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

IOS/UR Seminar (Prof. Frensch)

Petru Negura:

Institutional trust, support to government and forms of solidarity in Moldova during the early phase of COVID-19 pandemic

Abstract: This paper presents an analysis of social cohesion and social capital in Moldova in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, based on a mixed research, mainly on qualitative sources and methodology. The study captures a number of trends regarding some core elements of social cohesion and social capital in Moldova: trust in state institutions; the degree of agreement with the government actions; the forms of social support and solidarity among citizens; and the perceived level of social cohesion by complying with the anti-crisis regulations. The paper confirms the relevance of several studies that suggest a link between different components of social capital and how the authorities and society have participated in fighting the pandemic and its negative effects. The analysis of this case sheds light on the role of social capital/cohesion in the international context of the pandemic.

Info: Link: <https://ios-regensburg-de.zoom.us/j/89180468017>

Meeting ID: 891 8046 8017

Economic and Social History Seminar

Eirini Karamouzi:

Greece and EEC membership: Was it a mistake?

Abstract: The financial and economic crises that gripped Greece in 2010 set in motion a domino effect that rattled the rest of the Eurozone. It also opened the floodgates to a seemingly endless stream of accusations over the origins of the crisis. As Greek financial woes polarised opinion, former French president Valéry Giscard d'Estaing claimed that supporting Greek membership had been a mistake. Possibly the most high-profile actor to make a direct link between today's crisis and Greece's entry into the Community, Giscard helped to renew interest in the history of Greece and European integration. Following from such heightened interest, this talk offers a new historical analysis of Greece's relationship with Europe that goes beyond short-term, ahistorical analyses or narratives written on the basis of hindsight.

Info:

<https://uni-regensburg.zoom.us/j/86948625967?pwd=ZXRHeXVjV3BVZTBheWtkemxianRvdz09>

Meeting ID: 869 4862 5967

Passcode: 468730

Lunch Seminar

David Ruß:

Multidimensional Noise and Non-Fundamental Information Diversity

Abstract: In this paper, I relax the common assumption of the one-dimensionality of noise made in the standard noisy rational expectations framework. Within an environment characterized by multidimensional noise, I explore the strategic interactions between different traders that are informed about different components of the noise inherent in the market price. I find that agents' trades against different types of noise are complements due to a reduction in uncertainty about fundamentals initiated by more aggressive trading. Strategic complementarities can also be found in the information market. Both acquiring information about the same type and about different types of noise can be complements.

Info: This event takes place in lecture hall H25 and not online. The number of participants is limited to a total of 12. Please register beforehand until Tuesday, Nov 24, at fabian.kindermann@ur.de

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Johanna Röhrs presented her Paper "*Income Taxation and Job Creation*" at the 76th Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF).

Veronika Püschel presented her Paper "*Progressive Pensions as an Incentive for Labor Force Participation*", which is joint work with **Fabian Kindermann**, at Public Sector Economics 2020.

Helena Fornwagner presented her Paper "*Climate action for (my) children*" at the 17th Bavarian Micro Day

Aleksandr Alekseev presented his Paper "*The Economics of Babysitting a Robot*" at the 17th Bavarian Micro Day.

NEW PUBLICATIONS:

Johannes Moser's Paper "**Correlation Neglect in Voting Decisions: An Experiment**", which is joint work with **Niklas Wallmeier**, will be published in Economics Letters.

NEW EXPERIMENTAL BROWN BAG LUNCH SEMINAR:**NEW **Experimental Brown Bag Lunch Seminar – EBBLs - series****

Starting with the Wintersemester 2020/2021, the chair of Professor Lea Cassar will host an Experimental Brown Bag Lunch Seminar (EBBLs). I, Helena Fornwagner, am responsible for the organization. The seminar will take place once every month from 12:00-13:00. The respective dates for the Wintersemester are:

- 17.12.2020
- 21.1.2021
- 18.2.2021

The EBBLs brings together those of the University of Regensburg, who use experimental methods (online-, lab-, lab-in-the-field-, and field-experiments) for answering their research questions in the field of economics. It aims to be a friendly environment to informally discuss research projects at early stages - from just ideas to experimental designs etc.

Please let me know if you would like to present by registering via the doodle link (first come first serve) https://doodle.com/poll/7nncgktw6e9t5reb?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link In case we have more demand than slots, we can also think about providing more time slots.

We will put information about the upcoming meetings on our chair homepage <https://www.uni-regensburg.de/wirtschaftswissenschaften/vwl-cassar/startseite/index.html> as well soon.

Due to the current COVID 19 crisis, the seminar will take place online via Zoom this semester. The permanent link is: <https://uni-regensburg.zoom.us/j/3358339929> (Meeting-ID: 335 833 9929).

To start or also as warm-up, we will talk this Thursday (19.11.2020) at 12:00 about a general topic everyone of us is facing when it comes to research --> **?how to get funding?**

We will come together and share our experiences around the following points:

- What are different funding opportunities out there?
- What type of funding for which variety of projects?
- What is essential for funding applications?
- Past experiences?
- Internal or external funding?
- And more...

Professors, Post-Docs, PhD students --- Feel free to join and spread the word!

Bring your lunch, coffee, or just your notes, and let's kick off together the EBBLs!

If you need any further information, just let me know. I am happy to help.

Looking forward seeing you,

Helena Fornwagner

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