



NEWSLETTER 2021-08

CALENDAR:

IOS/UR Seminar (Prof. Frensch)

Denis Ivanov (National Research University – Higher School of Economics)

COVID-19 Vaccines Effectiveness and Public Support for Anti-Pandemic Measures

special day, special date

Thursday, April 15

13:30 – 15:00

Zoom-meeting

Departmental Seminar

Martin Halla (University Linz):

Is there Evidence for Ethnic Discrimination in the German Market for Health Care?

Monday, April 19

16:00 – 17:30

Zoom-meeting

IOS/UR Seminar (Prof. Frensch)

Randolph Bruno (UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies [SSEES])

Multinationals, Innovation and Institutional Context: IPR Protection and Distance Effects

Tuesday, April 20

15:00 – 16:30

Zoom-meeting

ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION:

IOS/UR Seminar (Prof. Frensch)

Denis Ivanov (National Research University – Higher School of Economics)

COVID-19 Vaccines Effectiveness and Public Support for Anti-Pandemic Measures

Abstract: Although many COVID-19 vaccines are currently under development, their safety and effectiveness cannot be ensured. At the same time, many jurisdictions reimpose full or partial lockdowns as a response to increasing number of cases, as well as mandate social distancing and mask-wearing in public spaces. We use random assignment of vignettes featuring optimistic and pessimistic scenarios with respect to the vaccine effectiveness on a sample of about 1,600 Russians to gauge public support for anti-pandemic measures under different scenarios. We show that the respondents who are afraid of being infected with SARS-CoV-2 are significantly more likely to support the restrictions, but they also reduce their support for the anti-pandemic measures in case no safe and effective vaccine is found compared to those who received no information treatment. This relationship is particularly strong for the most economically costly measures, namely banning large gatherings and shutting down non-essential businesses rather than for mask-wearing. We interpret this as a manifestation of the fatalism effect found in previous studies of compliance with the anti-pandemic restrictions. Our findings imply that in the absence of a clear-cut solution for the COVID-19-related crisis public support for the anti-pandemic restrictions is likely to wane.

Info:

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Departmental Seminar

Martin Halla (University Linz):

Is there Evidence for Ethnic Discrimination in the German Market for Health Care?

(Joint Work with C. Kah, and R. Sausgruber)

Abstract: We carry out an email-correspondence study to examine the prevalence of discrimination in access to outpatient health services in Germany. We approach 3,224 physician offices from the 79 largest cities in Germany to request an appointment. The experiment induces exogenous variation in the insurance status and the perception of German vs. Turkish ethnicity via the name of senders. We find that privately insured senders are 30 percent more likely to be offered an appointment than statutory health insurance holders are. Privately insured senders are also more likely to receive a response, have to wait less for an appointment, and are fewer times told to expect a long wait in the physician's office. By contrast, we estimate a precise zero effect of perceived ethnicity on observed outcomes. Our results suggest that physician offices benefit from prioritization of patients based on the type of insurance. It would cost them, however, to treat patients differently because of their ethnicity.

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IOS/UR Seminar (Prof. Frensch)

Randolph Bruno (UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies [SSEES])

Multinationals, Innovation and Institutional Context: IPR Protection and Distance Effects

Abstract: We characterise the knowledge production process whereby the inventive capabilities of the firm generate innovation output in highly inventive multinational enterprises (MNEs). We explore the sensitivity of this relationship to the strength of intellectual property rights (IPR) protection across the MNEs R&D subsidiaries. We argue that MNE innovative performance will be enhanced when the firm's R&D activities are based in locations where IPR protection is stronger. Moreover, when considering the internal geography of the MNEs R&D activities, innovation performance depends on the distance between the home and host country IPR regime. Thus, innovation performance is worse as the difference between home and host IPR regimes increases. Finally, we explore asymmetries in this relationship, in particular that the deterioration is more marked when MNEs locate their R&D activities in host economies with IPR protection significantly less strict than in their home country. We test these ideas using a unique new dataset about the most innovative MNEs in the world, an unbalanced panel of around 900 MNEs observed for the period 2004 to 2013 and find strong support for all our hypotheses.

Info:

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NEW PUBLICATIONS:

On March 27, **Aleksandr Alekseev's** paper "Give me a challenge or give me a raise" was published in *Experimental Economics*, available online: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10683-021-09709-8>.

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