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CALENDAR

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"Joint Search over the Life Cycle"

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Milena Nikolova (University of Groningen and IZA)

"Robots, Meaning, and Self-determination"

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Albrecht Ritschl (London School of Economics)

"Ordnungspolitische Richtungskämpfe in Westdeutschland 1948-1961. Ein Versuch"

Mon, Nov 7

16:00 - 17:30

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Zoom-Meeting

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18:00 - 20:15

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ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Departmental Seminar

Annika Bacher (BI Norwegian Business School)

“Joint Search over the Life Cycle”

Joint work with P. Grübener and L. Nord

This paper studies how the added worker effect - intra-household insurance through increased spousal labor market participation - varies over the life cycle. We show in U.S. data that the added worker effect is much stronger for young than for old households. A stochastic life cycle model of two-member households with job search in a frictional labor market is capable of replicating this finding. The model suggests that a lower added worker effect for the old is driven primarily by better insurance through asset holdings. Human capital differences between employed young and old contribute to the difference but are quantitatively less important, while differences in job arrival rates play a limited role.

Info:

In person



IOS Seminar

Milena Nikolova (University of Groningen and IZA)

“Robots, Meaning, and Self-determination”

Robots are becoming increasingly more capable than humans in executing a growing range of complex tasks. Smart machines can now perform surgeries, assemble automotive parts, distribute packages, and dispense medicine. They are found on factory floors, in restaurants, and even on the surface of Mars. This rapidly accelerating wave of automation is one of the most powerful forces that will reshape the future of work. But how do robots affect your job quality? We are the first to examine the impact of robotization on work meaningfulness, autonomy, competence, and relatedness, which are key for motivation and human flourishing at work. Using worker-level data from 13 industries in 20 European countries and OLS and instrumental variables estimations, we find that industry-level robotization harms all work quality aspects except competence. We also examine the moderating role of routine and cognitive tasks, skills and education, age and gender. While we do not find evidence of moderation concerning work meaningfulness in any of our models, noteworthy differences emerge for autonomy. For instance, workers with repetitive and monotonous tasks drive the negative effects of robotization on autonomy, while social tasks and working with computers - a tool that provides worker independence - help workers derive autonomy and competence in industries and jobs that adopt robots. In addition, robotization increases the competence perceptions of men. Our results highlight that by deteriorating the opportunities to derive meaning and self-determination out of work, robotization will impact the present and the future of work above and beyond its consequences for employment and wages.

Info:

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Economic and Social History Seminar

Albrecht Ritschl (London School of Economics)

“Ordnungspolitische Richtungskämpfe in Westdeutschland 1948-1961. Ein Versuch”

Die Bewertung der ordnungspolitischen Weichenstellungen in der Nachkriegszeit ist wiederholt Gegenstand von Diskussionen gewesen. Eine ältere Debatte galt der Relevanz dieser Entscheidungen als solcher. In jüngerer Zeit hat die Einordnung in längerfristige Tendenzen und die Frage nach der Bedeutung ordnungspolitischer Strukturbrüche im Vordergrund gestanden. In diesem Beitrag wird versucht, gedankliche Metriken für eine Beurteilung zu entwickeln sowie den Prozess des ordnungspolitischen Wandels aus einer ex ante-Perspektive nachzuzeichnen. Der Befund bleibt gemischt, die gegen 1960 stabilisierte Wirtschaftsordnung der Bundesrepublik nicht ohne weiteres pfadabhängig durch die Reformen von 1948 vorbestimmt.

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