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"Agricultural Ancestry and Gender Roles"

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"Zwischen Risiko und Sicherheit: Deutscher Kolonialbahnbau in Westafrika"

Tue, Nov 15

14:00 - 15:30

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18:00 - 20:15

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ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

IOS Seminar

Ekaterina Borisova (University of Lille)

“Agricultural Ancestry and Gender Roles”

This study tests the hypothesis that transition towards sedentary farming and herding contributed to the emergence of gender roles regarding female labor force participation. We propose that transition to agriculture per se lead further to pronounced differences in gender norms and contributed to gender inequality. We use a novel dataset of sustainable genetic markers – Y-DNA haplogroups associated with the spread of agriculture – to trace cultural origins of gender norm differences. We find that locations where agricultural ancestry is more widespread have lower female labor force participation rates. Their residents are also more likely to have gender-discriminatory attitudes towards females. The reverse is true in locations where hunting-gathering ancestry prevails. Results are valid at the country level, the individual level, and for the subsamples of second generation migrants. They stay robust to using several data sets of genetic markers and a rich set of control variables. Moreover, our estimates show that our agricultural ancestry measure outperforms the other measures like grammatical gender intensity or plough use. Our results help to explain why differences in gender roles are persistent and contribute to the debate on gender roles and agricultural ancestry.

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Lunch Seminar

Sebastian Goerg (TUM Campus Straubing)

“Motivated Belief Updating and Rationalization of Information”

Joint work with C. Drobner

We study belief updating about relative performance in an ego-relevant task. Manipulating the perceived ego relevance of the task, we show that subjects update their beliefs optimistically because they derive direct utility flows from holding positive beliefs. This finding provides a behavioral explanation why and how overconfidence can evolve in the presence of objective information. Moreover, we document that subjects, who received more bad signals, downplay the ego-relevance of the task. Taken together, these findings suggest that subjects use two alternative strategies to protect their ego when presented with objective information.

Info:

in person



Economic and Social History Seminar

Nina Kleinöder (Bamberg)

„Zwischen Risiko und Sicherheit: Deutscher Kolonialbahnbau in Westafrika“

Folgt man der vorherrschenden Forschungsmeinung, so hat sich aus ökonomischer Sicht „der Kolonialismus für das Deutsche Reich zu keinem Zeitpunkt ausgezahlt“ (Boris Barth). Zugleich betont die aktuelle Forschung aber noch immer die zeitgenössische Hoffnung auf neue Märkte als starkes Motiv für das koloniale Engagement im Deutschen Kaiserreich. An diese Perspektiven knüpft das Forschungsprojekt an. Der Vortrag stellt sowohl das Gesamtprojekt „Unternehmen Eisenbahn. Deutsche Unternehmen und die Kolonien“, als auch Teilergebnisse vor: Einerseits wird der koloniale Brückenbau am unternehmenshistorischen Beispiel der Gutehoffnungshütte in Westafrika (insbesondere Kamerun) konkretisiert sowie andererseits diskutiert, in welcher Weise Staat und Wirtschaft im spezifischen Feld der Kolonialwirtschaft der Jahrhundertwende interagierten bzw. die (Un)Sicherheit kolonialer Investitionen verhandelten.

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