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Mon, Jan 9

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ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Departmental Seminar

Analisa Packham (Vanderbilt University)

“The Effect of Universal and Unconditional Cash Transfers on Child Abuse and Neglect”

We estimate the effects of cash transfers on child health and well-being. To do so, we leverage program eligibility due to date of birth cutoffs and year-to-year variation in payment size from a universal and unconditional cash transfer, the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD). Using linked individual-level administrative data on PFD payments and child maltreatment referrals, we find that an additional \$1,000 to families each year reduces the likelihood that a child is referred to Children’s Services by 3.7 percentage points, on average. Effects are driven by declines in neglect and physical abuse and are persistent to age 4. Additionally, we show that larger cash transfers reduce the probability that children enter foster care and the probability of mortality by age 5.

Info:

In person

IOS Seminar

Tobias Heidland (The Kiel Institute for the World Economy)

“What Explains People’s Migration Aspirations? Experimental Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa”

Migration aspirations lie at the heart of self-selection into migration. In this paper, we study three questions: How do individual, household, origin-country, and destination-country characteristics interact? What factors are most influential? Who wants to leave in what context? We develop a new stylized model which integrates insights from the recently established aspirations-capabilities framework into standard utility maximization. We jointly investigate destination country factors (income and legal status), journey factors (costs and risks involved), and origin country factors (income, economic trends, and quality of public goods) using a conjoint choice experiment with 2708 participants in Uganda and Senegal. Our results show that all these dimensions significantly affect migration decision-making. However, the most important dimensions are the legal status and the risk of dying on the journey. Legal migration opportunities are even more influential for individuals that are content with their income situation at home. In line with the aspirations-capabilities framework, we show that higher life aspirations come with a higher willingness to migrate.

Info:

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Economic and Social History Seminar

Alexander Donges (Mannheim)

“How the West Was Settled. The Location Choice of East German Companies that Migrated to West Germany after World War II”

We study the forced re-location of East German firms to West Germany after World War II. The division of Germany into a free-market West and a socialist East that followed the military defeat in spring 1945 motivated thousands of East German companies to relocate to the West in the following years. This exogenous mass exodus allows us to identify the various motives for the choice of firm location in a natural experiment. To test whether East German firms were primarily attracted by existing West German agglomeration economies or rather sought new locations close to their original homes, we use a newly constructed data set including information for over 5,300 re-located East German firms.

Info:

In person and via <https://uni-regensburg.zoom.us/j/99496312592>

IOS Seminar

Matthias Morys

“Central Banks and the Absorption of International Shocks (1890-2021)”

Countries wish to reap the benefits of financial integration while shielding themselves from the vagaries of international financial markets. But can they have it both ways? This paper studies the respective roles of exchange rates, capital controls and central bank balance sheets to tame the effects of international financial shocks over the last 130 years, across very different monetary regimes. Our main contribution is to show that central banks have consistently used their balance sheet to mitigate the impact of an international financial shock on domestic financial markets and not only since the Global Financial Crisis of 2008 and the discussion on balance sheet policies which it sparked. Their international portfolio (foreign reserves) limits the effects of the shock on the exchange rate while the domestic portfolio (loans & open market operations) stabilizes the money market. We rely on new collected weekly and monthly data of central bank balance sheets for 22 countries worldwide which can be traced back to the 1890s.

Info:

In person (room 109, Landshuter Str. 4) and via Zoom:

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CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLICATION

Alexander Lauf, Vanessa Schöller and **Silvio Städter**'s paper "On the Robustness of Gender Differences in Economic Behavior" (joint with H. Fornwagner and B. Grosskopf) was published in 'Nature: Scientific Reports'.

For more information see the press release of the University of Regensburg: https://www.uni-regensburg.de/pressearchiv/index.html?tx_news_pi1%5Baction%5D=detail&tx_news_pi1%5Bcontroller%5D=News&tx_news_pi1%5Bnews%5D=18793&cHash=a2ea51506bc4811a2240c099f8f3919e

PRESENTATION

Andreas Roider presented his paper "Management and Performance in the Public Sector: Evidence from German Municipalities" (joint work with F. Englmaier, G. Muehlheusser, and N. Wallmeier) at the "8th Empirical Management Conference" at the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group in Washington D.C. on December 14-15.

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