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Mon, Feb 6

16:00 - 17:30

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14:00 - 15:30

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12:00 - 13:00

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ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Departmental Seminar

Hanna Wang (Autonomous University of Barcelona)

“Fertility and Family Leave Policies in Germany: Optimal Policy Design in a Dynamic Framework”

I develop and estimate a life-cycle discrete-choice model of fertility and female labor supply to study optimal design of a range of child-related policies. First, I examine two recent German reforms which made parental leave payments wage-contingent and low-cost public childcare more widely available. I find that both reforms increased completed fertility to a similar extent, but the parental leave reform did so in particular for highly-educated women. Second, I solve for a budget-neutral optimal policy portfolio that maximizes fertility without decreasing overall welfare or fertility among highly-educated women. I examine four prominent child subsidies and solve the problem under joint (prevailing) and individual taxation. With the former tax regime, the solution raises fertility by 0.01 children (0.5%), while with the latter the gain is 0.16 (11.0%). Optimal subsidy parameters vary drastically by tax system, pointing to the need for joint design.

Info:

In person

IOS Seminar

Richard Bluhm (University of Stuttgart)

“Ethnofederalism and Ethnic Voting”

We investigate how changes in the administrative-territorial structure affect ethnic voting. We present an event study design that exploits the 2010 constitutional reform in Kenya, which substantially increased the number of primary administrative regions. We find (i) strong evidence for a reduction in ethnic voting when administrative regions become less ethnically diverse and (ii) weak evidence for such a reduction when ethnic groups become less fragmented across regions. These results suggest that ‘ethnofederal’ reforms (leading to administrative borders that more closely follow ethnic boundaries) can mitigate ethnic politics in diverse countries.

Info:

In person in Room 109 (Landshuter Str. 4) and via Zoom-Meeting:

<https://ios-regensburg-de.zoom.us/j/65389512715?pwd=OGdtbyt1b08rZEZINjVhbDRudm4rQT09>

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Lunch Seminar

Veronika Püschel (University of Regensburg)

“The German Grundrente: Social Reform Success or Policy Pitfall?”

This paper analyzes the long-term effects of a German Social Security reform, the introduction of the Grundrente. We first examine the incentive effects on labor supply and the redistributive power of the reform analytically. Subsequently, we evaluate its effects on output, labor supply, inequality and welfare using a quantitative OLG model that accounts for different demographics (gender, marital status, and family size), permanent and idiosyncratic labor productivity shocks, individual savings choices and labor supply decisions at both the extensive and intensive margins. Finally, we compare the reform to an alternative, simpler progressive old-age income transfer policy.

Info:

In person

Economic and Social History Seminar

Marlene Ernst and Markus Gerstmeier (Passau)

“Computergestützte Untersuchungen zur Rechts-, Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte Süddeutschlands in der NS-Zeit”

Zwei wenig erforschte Quellenbestände geben Aufschluss über Kontrolle und Sanktionierung der breiten Bevölkerung in Zeiten der Diktatur und des „Totalen Kriegs“. In diesem Vortrag wird ein Einblick gewährt auf die digitale Bearbeitung der ca. 10.000 vor dem Sondergericht München (1933–1945) verhandelten Fälle, die in den 1970er Jahren in Form von Aktenregesten durch das Institut für Zeitgeschichte vordigital verdatet wurden. Ein bei weitem überschaubareres, aber überaus seltenes Quellenkorpus stellt ein Bestand von ca. 200 Arbeitsbüchern aus einem Passauer Rüstungsbetrieb dar, der Waldwerke Passau GmbH (1942/43–1945).

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