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CALENDAR:

Departmental Seminar

Ulrich Schmidt (Institute for World Economics Kiel):
Risk Taking under Social Responsibility

Monday, May 2
16:30–18:00
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IOS Seminar

Ekaterina Selezneva (IOS):
Skills mismatch and youth unemployment during the Great Recession: A comparative analysis between Western and Eastern European countries

Tuesday, May 3
13:30–15:00
AlFi 1.09 (Landshuter Str. 4)

ABSTRACTS:

Departmental Seminar

Ulrich Schmidt:
Risk Taking under Social Responsibility

Abstract: A rather stable result in the literature on individual decision making is that women are more risk averse than men. I will present two papers which analyze whether this results also holds when decisions are made in a social context. In particular, I will consider (i) group decisions under risk and (ii) decisions where risk taking has an externality to another subject. By comparing behavior in Germany to that in a matrilinear society, I also analyze the influence of nurture.

Real Estate Seminar

Ekaterina Selezneva:

Skills mismatch and youth unemployment during the Great Recession: A comparative analysis between Western and Eastern European countries

Abstract. This paper analyses the influence of country-level education mismatch on the individual-level relationship between education and the probability of being unemployed or staying in alternative labour statuses, for young people aged 15–34 in 2006, 2008 and 2010, living in 21 EU countries. We assume that young people may fall in five labour market statuses: 1) Employee; 2) Self-employed; 3) Unemployed; 4) In Education; 5) Inactive, and perform a multinomial logit model to study the effects of years of education on relative probability of being in labour statuses 2, 3, 4, or 5, compared to the base category (Employee). Afterwards, we interact the individual-level years of education with a country-level indicator of education mismatch in order to identify the heterogeneous effects of the aggregate mismatch among people with different educational attainments. Results show that more years of education: i) reduce the relative probability of being unemployed; ii) have a cumulative effect by extending the period of education; iii) slightly raise the relative probability to be self-employed. As regards country-level education mismatch, we found that only after 2008 it produces an additional effect on better educated young people by further reducing their relative unemployment risk when it is compared to that of low educated youngsters. This outcome tells us that improving access to university degrees remains the main road to tackle youth unemployment caused by education mismatch, even after the outburst of the current financial and economic crisis.

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Upon the request of 51 of its members, the Verein für Socialpolitik (German Economic Association)'s board has established a new subcommittee, the *Committee for Organizational Economics/ Organisationsökonomischer Ausschuss* (see: <https://sites.google.com/site/organisationsoekonomik/>), which will commence its activities in fall 2016. **Andreas Roider** has been elected acting chairman of the new committee.

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