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Departmental Seminar

Mathias Kifmann (University of Hamburg)

The Political Sustainability of a Basic Income Scheme and Social Health Insurance

Monday, May 8

16:30–18.00

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Jarko Fidrmuc (Zeppelin Universität Friedrichshafen)

Temporal and Spatial Dependence of Interregional Risk Sharing: Evidence from Russia

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13.30–15.00

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Economic and Social History Seminar

Rainer Fattmann (Bonn)

Arbeiterbewegung und Europäische Einigung in den sechs Gründungsstaaten der EWG

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Linde Götz (Development in Transition Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Economies [IAMO])

Russia's agricultural import substitution policy: Price volatility effects on the pork supply chain

Special Date

Thursday, May 11

13.30–15.00

WiOS 109 (Landshuter Str. 4)

ABSTRACTS:**Departmental Seminar**

Mathias Kifmann

The Political Sustainability of a Basic Income Scheme and Social Health Insurance

Abstract: This paper studies within a two-stage framework the political economy of a basic income and social health insurance scheme. Individuals differ in income and the probability of falling ill. At the second stage society votes on the payroll taxes of a basic income and a social health insurance scheme. We find that when the size of both welfare schemes is open for debate, the basic income scheme completely crowds out social health insurance. At the first constitutional stage we determine which welfare scheme society agrees to implement behind the veil of ignorance. Depending on the amount of health care expenditure and the inequalities in income and risk, society sets up an institutional framework for a social health insurance scheme only.

IOS Seminar I

Jarko Fidrmuc

Temporal and Spatial Dependence of Interregional Risk Sharing: Evidence from Russia

Abstract: We present an analysis of interregional consumption risk sharing in Russia between 1999 and 2009 using novel estimation methods. In addition to standard fixed effects panel estimations, we use system and difference GMM estimators to reflect time dynamic properties possible endogeneity between output and consumption. Furthermore, we apply spatial models that controls for spatial dependence across regions. The results show that regional consumption deviations from the national average are highly persistent in time and space. Nevertheless, regional consumption risk sharing in Russia is relatively high with 70 to 90 per cent of idiosyncratic risk being smoothed. Finally, fiscal policy and the degree of financial development appear to contribute to the consumption smoothing.

Economic and Social History Seminar

Rainer Fattmann

Arbeiterbewegung und Europäische Einigung in den sechs Gründungsstaaten der EWG

Abstract: Der Anteil der Gewerkschaftsbewegung am Prozess der Einigung Europas ist von der historischen Forschung lange Zeit weitgehend unbeachtet geblieben. Im Rahmen der Veranstaltung werden die grundsätzlichen europapolitischen Vorstellungen der Gewerkschaften in den Ländern der späteren Montanunion bzw. dann der EWG in der Zwischenkriegszeit umrissen und die bemerkenswerte Kontinuität dieser Leitbilder über Diktatur und Krieg hinweg dargestellt. Im Zentrum des Vortrags steht – darauf aufbauend – die Frage nach der gewerkschaftlichen Rolle gegenüber und innerhalb des mit der Gründung der Europäischen Gemeinschaft für Kohle und Stahl und dann der EWG sowie Euratom 1958 realiter einsetzenden europäischen Integrationsprozesses. Zugleich werden die gewerkschaftlichen Erfahrungen mit „Europa“ bis etwa 1973, dem Jahr der ersten Erweiterung der europäischen Gemeinschaften, geschildert.

IOS Seminar II

Linde Götz

Russia's agricultural import substitution policy: Price volatility effects on the pork supply chain

Abstract: The pork sector has been at the centre of Russia's import substitution policy. It has shown a very dynamic development reaching the government's aim to increase self-sufficiency to 85% in 2015. However, this policy is facing several challenges. Results of a DCC-MGARCH model confirm our hypothesis that price volatility and thus risk have increased strongly in the pork supply chain in Russia. Concurrently, the volatility spill-overs between the price of slaughtered pork and the price of live swine have more than doubled, indicating increased price interdependence.

NEW PUBLICATIONS:

Bing Zhu, Michael Betzinger, Steffen Sebastian (2017): *Housing market stability, mortgage market structure, and monetary policy: Evidence from the euro area*, Journal of Housing Economics, Vol. 37, p. 1–21.

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