



## NEWSLETTER 2017-08

## CALENDAR:

**IOS Seminar**

Filip Pertold (CERGE-EI and IDEA, Prague)  
*Employment Adjustments around Childbirth*

Tuesday, May 16  
13:30–15:00  
WiOS 109 (Landshuter Str. 4)

**Departmental Seminar**

Henry Siu (University of British Columbia)  
*The "End of Men" and Rise of Women in the High-Skilled Labor Market*

**Special Date and Time**  
Tuesday, May 16  
12:00–13:30  
VG 2.35

**Economic and Social History Seminar**

Sandro Nürnbergger (Regensburg)  
*Die Lebensmittelpreise in Regensburg 1770-1820: Amtliche Festsetzung und zeitliche Entwicklung*

Wednesday, May 17  
18:00-20:15  
VG 1.30

**ABSTRACTS:****IOS Seminar**

Filip Pertold

*Employment Adjustments around Childbirth*

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*Abstract:* Using longitudinal data from Denmark we study how women active in the labour market react to the event of childbirth. We find that mothers –post first childbirth– are increasingly switching from the competitive private sector to the family-friendly public sector thus significantly changing the composition of employees in each of the sectors. Using a difference-in-differences event study approach we show that within the first years after birth the probability that a mother switches from private to public sector can be fully explained by the convexity of pay with respect to hours worked and the prevalence of part time employment in private sector occupations. Supportive analysis reveals that mothers who move from private into public sector are not motivated to switch by low wage growth in the private sector, are promoted to higher occupation rank in the public sector, and do not suffer from a post-switch wage drop. This suggests that the public sector attracts relatively productive female employees away from the private sector, i.e., a post motherhood brain drain. Such sorting behaviour increases the gender wage gap observed in the private sector. These results can be generalized to other settings with high mobility of labour and where jobs differ according to the degree to which they allow for family-friendly work conditions.

**Departmental Seminar**

Henry Siu

*The "End of Men" and Rise of Women in the High-Skilled Labor Market**(joint work with Matias Cortes and Nir Jaimovich)*

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*Abstract:* We document a new finding regarding changes in labor market outcomes for men and women in the US: Since 1980, the probability that a college-educated man was employed in a cognitive/high-wage occupation fell. This contrasts starkly with the experience of college-educated women: their probability of working in these occupations rose, despite a much larger increase in the supply of educated women relative to men during this period. We study a general neoclassical model of the labor market that allows us to shed light on the forces capable of rationalizing these observations. The model indicates that one key channel is a greater increase in the demand for female-oriented skills in cognitive/high-wage occupations relative to other occupations. Using occupational-level data from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles, we find evidence that this relative increase in the demand for female skills is due to an increasing importance of social skills within such occupations. We find a strong and robust relationship between the change in the female share of employment and the importance of social skills in an occupation over time.

## Economic and Social History Seminar

Sandro Nürnberger

*Die Lebensmittelpreise in Regensburg 1770-1820: Amtliche Festsetzung und zeitliche Entwicklung*

*Abstract:* Das frühe 19. Jahrhundert war eine Phase des politischen Umsturzes, wovon auch die Stadt Regensburg nicht ausgenommen war. Sie verlor zunächst ihren Status als Reichsstadt, ging im dalbergischen Fürstentum auf und fiel 1810 an Bayern. Diese Umsturzphase ist daher im Hinblick auf die Untersuchung von Lebensmittelpreisen besonders interessant, da von einem Einfluss der äußeren Umstände auf die Preisentwicklung auszugehen ist. Im Vortrag wird dargestellt, wie sich die Preise von Brot, Fleisch und Bier in Regensburg von 1770 bis 1820 entwickelten. Dabei wird neben der eigentlichen Preisentwicklung auch das obrigkeitliche Einwirken auf die Preisbildung und den Verkauf thematisiert.

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