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CALENDAR:

Departmental Seminar

Andreas Steinmayr (LMU Munich):

The Importance of First Impressions: Reducing Mistreatment of Migrant Domestic Workers

Monday, April 23

16:30–18:00

VG H26

Economic and Social History Seminar

Fabian Standl (Munich):

Studententypen und Kostenpunkte zur Ermittlung von volkswirtschaftlichen Krankheitskosten

Special Room

Wednesday, April 25

18:00–20:15

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IOS Seminar

Martin Kahanec (CEU, Budapest):

How immigration grease is affected by economic, institutional and policy contexts: evidence from EU labor markets

Special Date and Time

Thursday, April 26

14:00–15:30

WiOS 109 (Landshuter Str.4)

ABSTRACTS:**Departmental Seminar**

Andreas Steinmayr

The Importance of First Impressions: Reducing Mistreatment of Migrant Domestic Workers

Abstract: Can the circumstances of a first introduction change the long-term nature of a relationship? We test this conjecture in the highly asymmetric employment relation between female migrant domestic workers and their employers in Hong Kong and Saudi Arabia. We conduct a randomized field experiment with 1,990 Filipinas migrating abroad for the first time. Before departure, the treatment group received the suggestion to introduce themselves to the employer with a small gift that we provide and to show a family picture. The intervention aims at portraying the migrant as human being with background and family and thus to increase the moral cost for the employer of harming the migrant. We find that two years later, the treated group reports having been treated better by the employers, with reductions in mistreatment, such as sexual harassment. We also find that they are more likely to still work for their employer and plan to continue doing so. Furthermore, we see spillovers to the migrants' households in the Philippines with households providing a more favorable assessment of the impact of migration. While we find positive effects for Hong Kong and Saudi Arabia, the affected outcome domains differ between destinations.

Economic and Social History Seminar

Fabian Standl

Studententypen und Kostenpunkte zur Ermittlung von volkswirtschaftlichen Krankheitskosten

Abstract: Können aktuelle gesundheitsökonomische Modelle sinnvolle Ergebnisse für historische Ereignisse liefern? Volkswirtschaftliche Kosten von Krankheiten sind die wichtigste Entscheidungsgrundlage im Gesundheitswesen; nicht zuletzt werden auf Basis von Kostenanalysen auch Versorgungsverträge ge- und Kostenübernahmen beschlossen. Im Rahmen der Promotion sollen die volkswirtschaftlichen Kosten von Virus-Pandemien am Beispiel der Russischen Grippe und der Spanischen Grippe erforscht werden. Der Vortrag gibt eine Übersicht zu den verschiedenen Studententypen, verdeutlicht die Arbeitsweise der Kostenpunkte und benennt auch Kostenräume. Ist die cost-of-illness study (COI) das Mittel der Wahl oder gibt es auch noch andere Methoden, um sinnvolle Ergebnisse zu erzielen?

IOS Seminar

Martin Kahanec

How immigration grease is affected by economic, institutional and policy contexts: evidence from EU labor markets

Abstract: Theoretical arguments and previous country-level evidence indicate that immigrants are more fluid than natives in responding to changing labor shortages across countries, skill-groups or industries. The diversity across EU member states enables us to test this hypothesis across various institutional, economic and policy contexts. Drawing on the EU LFS and EU SILC datasets we study the relationship between residual wage premia as a measure of labor shortages in different skill-industry-country cells and the shares of migrants and natives working in these cells. We find that immigrants' responsiveness to labor market shortages exceeds that of natives in the EU15, in particular in member states with higher unemployment rates, higher levels of (recent) immigration, and more open immigration and integration policies; but also those with barriers to citizenship acquisition or family reunification. Whereas higher welfare expenditures seem to exert a lock-in effect, a comparison across different types of welfare states indicates that institutional complementarities neutralize that effect.

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