



NEWSLETTER 2020-23

CALENDAR:

Economic and Social History Seminar

Tobias Jopp / Mark Spoerer (Universität Regensburg):
How political were Airbus and Boeing sales in the 1970s and 1980s?

Wednesday, Nov 04
18:00-20:15
Zoom-meeting

Departmental Seminar

Warn N. Lekfuangfu (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid):
All I have to do is dream? The role of aspirations in intergenerational mobility and well-being

Monday, Nov 09
16:00-17:30
Zoom-meeting

IOS/UR Seminar (Prof. Frensch)

Max Deter (Bergische Universität Wuppertal):
Are the Losers of Communism the Winners of Capitalism? The Effects of Conformism in the GDR on Transition Success

Tuesday, Nov 10
13:30-15:00
Zoom-meeting

Lunch Seminar

Nicolas Motz (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid):
Spillovers and Strategic Interaction in Immigration Policies

Wednesday, Nov 11
12:00-13:30
Zoom-meeting

ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION:

Economic and Social History Seminar

Tobias Jopp / Mark Spoerer:

How political were Airbus and Boeing sales in the 1970s and 1980s?

Abstract: After a disappointing start, Airbus Industrie, founded in 1970, became a serious competitor for the American aircraft manufacturers. Since the early 2000s, Airbus and Boeing have been competing head-to-head for market leadership for jet aircraft with more than 100 seats. Boeing has persistently complained about Airbus receiving loans on favourable terms and other subsidies from European governments, and that the latter would use political pressure to make operators buy Airbus aircraft. We subject the latter reproach to an empirical test. We find suggestive evidence for airlines' ownership status and their home countries' former colonial ties to as well as trade relations with and development aid flows from the Airbus consortium member countries and the US to have mattered.

Info: Link: <https://uni-regensburg.zoom.us/j/99496312592>

Departmental Seminar

Warn N. Lekfuangfu:

All I have to do is dream? The role of aspirations in intergenerational mobility and well-being

Abstract: We study the determinants and consequences of educational and occupational aspirations. Basing our enquiry on the British NCDS 1958 cohort data, we assess the importance of aspirations for social mobility above and beyond other established determinants. We document educational and occupational inequalities in young individuals' aspirations, whereby parental aspirations are a strong predictor of children's aspiration-levels. While aspirations are positive correlated with later achievement, there is evidence for reduced well-being in adulthood when aspirations in adolescence e than actual achievements later in life fall below aspirations since adolescence.

Info: For further information such as the Zoom-meeting details please visit: www-vwl.ur.de/forschung

IOS/UR Seminar (Prof. Frensch)

Max Deter:

Are the Losers of Communism the Winners of Capitalism? The Effects of Conformism in the GDR on Transition Success

Abstract: Following the fall of the Iron Curtain it was important for the acceptance of the new economic and political system that the former Communist elites did not maintain their privileges, and that protesters, who helped to overturn the old system, improved their situation. With newly available panel data on East Germany's socialist past, the German Democratic Republic, we analyze how former Communist elites, dissidents, and the "silent majority" were affected by the transition from socialism into today's market-based democracy. Applying random effects models, the results reveal that the transition reduced economic outcomes for former Communist elites in terms of life satisfaction, income, and employment. The transition had a positive impact on political dissidents and victims of repression. The transition success of the "silent majority" depended on the inner support of the system, that is, low support of the GDR predicts better outcomes in capitalism. Individual preferences for economic liberalism, risk, and trust in others can partly explain selection into Communist elites and dissidents, as well as differences in outcomes of the change from socialism to capitalism for these two groups.

Info: Link: <https://ios-regensburg-de.zoom.us/j/85829372470>
Meeting ID: 858 2937 2470

Lunch Seminar

Nicolas Motz:

Spillovers and Strategic Interaction in Immigration Policies

Abstract: Asylum policies are interdependent across countries: Policy choices in one country can affect refugee flows into neighbouring countries and may provoke policy changes there, in an a priori unknown direction. We formulate a dynamic model of refugees' location choices and of the strategic interaction among destinations that we fit to Syrian refugee migration to Europe. We find that south and southeastern European countries view recognition rates as strategic substitutes, whereas the same policies can be strategic complements in northern Europe. Our findings imply that regression frameworks which use cross-country variation to estimate effects of recognition rates on immigration underestimate (overestimate) the effect if this policy is a strategic substitute (complement).

Info: For further information such as the Zoom-meeting details please visit: www-vwl.ur.de/forschung

NEW PUBLICATIONS:

Silvio Städter's paper "*Regulating Executive Pay: Incentive Contracts and Nonbinding Bonus Caps*" was published online in the Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics (joint with **Marcus Dittrich**).

Silvio Städter's paper "*Monitoring 'lemons': why lower productivity workers are sometimes monitored more closely*" was accepted for publication by Applied Economics Letters (joint with **Marcus Dittrich**).

We gratefully acknowledge financial support of the Departmental Seminar by the Regensburger Universitätsstiftung Hans Vielberth.



RegensburgEconNews

Newsletter of the Institute of Economics and Econometrics, University of Regensburg

To subscribe to / unsubscribe from this newsletter, please go to <https://www-mailman.uni-regensburg.de/mailman/listinfo/regensburgeconnews> or send an email to econ.news@ur.de

Editorial deadline for Newsletter No. 2020-24:
Wednesday, November 11 – 11 am

**FAKULTÄT FÜR
WIRTSCHAFTSWISSENSCHAFTEN**

INSTITUT FÜR
VOLKSWIRTSCHAFTSLEHRE UND
ÖKONOMETRIE

Universitätsstraße 31 ■ 93040 Regensburg

Newsletter-Redaktion:

Telefon: +49 941 943-2710

Fax: +49 941 943-2734

E-Mail: econ.news@ur.de

Internet: <https://go.ur.de/econ-news>

Bildnachweis: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Regensburg_08_2006.jpg