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CALENDAR

Departmental Seminar

Agne Kajackaitė (University of Milan)

"Breaking Bad: Malfunctioning Institutions Erode Good Behavior"

Mon, May 22

16:00 - 17:30

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Economic and Social History Seminar

Paul Vollmayr (Regensburg)

"Tourismus in Regensburg. Untersuchungen zu einem Phänomen bis zum Zweiten Weltkrieg"

Wed, May 24

18:00 - 20:15

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IOS Seminar

Luca Andriani (Birkbeck College University of London)

"Life Satisfaction and Tax Preferences in Transition Economies"

Attention:**Thu, May 25**

14:00 - 15:30

Zoom-Meeting



ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Departmental Seminar

Agne Kajackaitė (University of Milan)

“Breaking Bad: Malfunctioning Institutions Erode Good Behavior”

Joint work with Rustam Hakimov

This paper studies whether malfunctioning institutions erode good behavior. We use a large-scale online experiment, in which participants play a repeated observed cheating game. When we ask participants to report honestly and promise no control, we find low cheating rates. When control of truthful reporting is introduced, low cheating rates remain. In our main treatment with a malfunctioning institution, participants do not know whether they are in the treatment with or without control. In this treatment, participants who do not face control for some rounds start cheating significantly more often, reaching highest cheating rates. That is, a malfunctioning institution leads to more cheating than no institution at all, which indicates that the development of cheating behavior is endogenous to the institutions. Our findings suggest a novel negative effect of unenforced laws.

Info:

in person

Economic and Social History Seminar

Paul Vollmayr (Regensburg)

“Tourismus in Regensburg. Untersuchungen zu einem Phänomen bis zum Zweiten Weltkrieg”

Nach drei vorangehenden Phasen einer Entwicklungsgeschichte klassifiziert Freyer in seiner „Einführung in die Fremdenverkehrsökonomie“ die Zeit nach 1945 als „Hochphase des Tourismus“. Städtetourismus ist heute eine in der Altstadt Regensburgs unübersehbare Erscheinung. Das Phänomen ist offensichtlich der „Hochphase des Tourismus“ zuzuordnen. Die Masterarbeit soll Erscheinungen des Tourismus in Regensburg vor dieser „Hochphase“ untersuchen und die Frage beantworten, welche zentralen Entwicklungsstufen der Städtetourismus in Regensburg zwischen 1810 und 1945 durchlief. Identifizierte Entwicklungsstufen sollen der Einteilung Freyers gegenübergestellt werden. In einem „Werkstattbericht“ werden der Stand der Vorbereitungen auf die Masterarbeit und erste gewonnene Erkenntnisse geteilt.

Info:

in person



IOS Seminar

Luca Andriani (Birkbeck College University of London)

“Life Satisfaction and Tax Preferences in Transition Economies”

Pro-public good individual's tax behaviours and preferences cannot lie exclusively on appropriate formal institutions. Particularly in countries under institutional and economic transition. We embrace the recent perspective arguing that higher quality of life conditions makes people better citizens, more civically committed and more willing to contribute to a better social and institutional environment. Accordingly, looking at the transition economies of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and the Former Soviet Union (FSU), we analyse the role of life satisfaction in the willingness of an individual to pay more taxes with the aim of improving public good provision relating to education, health, and support of people in need, as well as to combat climate change. We exploit data from the third wave of the Life in Transition Survey (2015-2016). Empirical evidence suggests that individuals reporting higher scores of life satisfaction are more willing to contribute to different types of public and common goods. These results are robust to a series of sensitivity analyses including 2SLS estimations. In terms of policy recommendations, our work reinforces the perspective of the co-benefit, indicating as the positive impact that perceived quality-of-life conditions have on different socio-economic aspects including social outcome, and other human behaviour. In our specific case, our results suggests that policies improving citizens' life conditions and expectations could have spill-over effect on individuals' tax preferences and behavioural aspects.

Info:

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