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Departmental Seminar

Lubomír Cingl (Prague University of Economics and Business)

"Expected Stigmatization in Prison Inmates: Evidence from two lab-in-the-field Experiments"

PhD Seminar

Igor Honig (University of Regensburg)

"Volatility Uncertainty and Tail Risk"

Mon, Dec 18

16:00 - 17:30

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Wed, Dec 20

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ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Departmental Seminar

Lubomír Cingl (Prague University of Economics and Business)

“Expected Stigmatization in Prison Inmates: Evidence from two lab-in-the-field Experiments”

In this paper, we study how disclosing the status of a prison inmate impacts the inmates’ expectations that non-inmates will (mis)trust them and will (not) be kind to them, using the standard trust game and triple dictator game. On the one hand, the stigma of a criminal may cause pessimism regarding how they will be treated, but on the other hand, inmates may expect a nicer treatment due to non-inmates’ compassion for the hardship they face. Moreover, we test if ‘self-affirmation’, a light-touch psychological intervention, corrects their pessimistic beliefs if there are any. In two lab-in-the-field experiments with 793 inmates, we show that disclosing the prison status is associated with a higher expected kindness. The most plausible mechanisms are poverty in prison and uncertainty about the committed crime. When asked directly, though, inmates admit that ex-convicts will be treated worse than people without criminal history. Our findings thus reveal overly optimistic beliefs that might severely collide with reality, if they are not corrected. On the other hand, they can be a part of a coping mechanism that helps inmates deal with the incarceration experience.

Info:

in person

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PRESENTATIONS

Carla Krolage presented her paper "Who Bears the Burden of Real Estate Transfer Taxes? Evidence from the German Housing Market" (joint with Mathias Dolls, Clemens Fuest and Florian Neumeier) at the 2023 Workshop of Housing Policy and Wealth Inequality at LISER Luxembourg on November 29.

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