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## CALENDAR

**Economics and Sustainability Seminar**

Alexander Monge-Naranjo (European University Institute)

"Of Cities and Slums"

**Mon, Jan 29**

16:00 - 17:30

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**IOS Seminar**

Maksym Obrizan (Kyiv School of Economics)

"Violent Conflict and Academic Research: Evidence from the 2014 Conflict in Ukraine"

**Tue, Jan 30**

14:00 - 15:30

Zoom-Meeting

**Lunch Seminar**

Johannes Huber (University of Regensburg)

"How Do Tax-Favored Pension Plans Affect Households' Saving Incentives? - A Model With Endogenous Return Heterogeneity"

**Wed, Jan 31**

12:00 - 13:00

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## ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

### **Economics and Sustainability Seminar**

Alexander Monge-Naranjo (European University Institute)

“Of Cities and Slums”

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Joint work with Pedro Cavalcanti Ferreira and Luciene Torres de Mello Pereira

We examine the emergence and consequences of urban slums along a country’s path to urbanization. Based on salient evidence from Brazilian labor, housing, and education markets, we study the interaction of slums with structural transformation and inequality. Urban slums are an intergenerational stepping-stone only for the lowest educated, explaining their emergence and persistence over time. In the past slums might have helped with Brazil’s human capital formation but at least since 2010 slums are a hindrance. Countries that missed the opportunity to improve rural schools and avoid the formation of slums should target improving schools in the slums.

*Info:*

in person

### **IOS Seminar**

Maksym Obrizan (Kyiv School of Economics)

“Violent Conflict and Academic Research: Evidence from the 2014 Conflict in Ukraine”

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We estimate the effects of the 2014 Russian military intervention in Ukraine on scientists and their research. We use a difference-in-differences event study framework to quantify the war’s effects on research productivity, mobility, and collaborations. Using publication data from the SCOPUS database, we create a panel of authors affiliated with Ukrainian universities and research centers before and after the beginning of the intervention. Our treatment group includes researchers from the heavily impacted regions of Donbas and Crimea in 2012-2013, just prior to the start of the conflict. Our control group are scientists from other regions of Ukraine at this time who were not directly affected by the conflict. We find that publications for authors in the affected regions (Donbas/Crimea) declined compared to authors in other Ukrainian regions, particularly for men. We also show that co-authorship with Russian scientists increased in the affected regions after the onset of the conflict. By focusing on academics – key agents in the generation and diffusion of knowledge – our findings offer a unique perspective on labor market disruptions induced by war. Our results can be scaled up to approximate the cost of the full-scale Russian aggression in 2022, data for which will become available only in a few years.

*Info:*

<https://ios-regensburg-de.zoom.us/j/66454059402?pwd=K1pSSDFZbIF1c0xOazJTTm95SjVIQT09>

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## **Lunch Seminar**

Johannes Huber (University of Regensburg)

“How Do Tax-Favored Pension Plans Affect Households’ Saving Incentives? - A Model With Endogenous Return Heterogeneity”

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Do tax-favored retirement saving plans crowd-out other forms of personal savings? And if so to which extend? We study these questions in light of the introduction of the US 401(k) program in early 1980s. Exploring a life cycle model with endogenous return heterogeneity, we find that the introduction of tax-favored pension plans may provide more households access to the capital market. At the same time, however, it reduces the incentives to obtain information about other assets.

*Info:*

in person



## CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEW STAFF

On January 1, 2024, **Florian Greindl** joined the chair of Andreas Roider as a research assistant / PhD student. Previously, he obtained a master's degree in Mathematics at the University of Regensburg.

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