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IOS Seminar

Alexander Yarkin (University of California, Davis, and LISER)

"Does the "Melting Pot" Still Melt? Internet and Immigrants' Integration"

Economic and Social History Seminar

Jochen Streb (Mannheim)

"Patentstreitigkeiten im Deutschen Reich"

Tue, Jan 7

16:30 - 18:00

Zoom-Meeting

Wed, Jan 8

18:00 - 20:15

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ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

IOS Seminar

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“Does the “Melting Pot” Still Melt? Internet and Immigrants’ Integration”

The global spread of the Internet and the rising salience of immigration are two of the biggest trends of the last decades. And yet, the effects of new digital technologies on immigrants - their social integration, spatial segregation, and economic outcomes - remain unknown. This paper addresses this gap: it shows how home-country Internet expansion affects immigrants’ socio-economic integration in the US. Using DID and event-study methods, I find that home-country Internet expansion lowers immigrants’ linguistic proficiency, naturalization rates, and economic integration. The effect is driven by younger and less educated immigrants. However, home-country Internet also decreases spatial and occupational segregation, and increases subjective well-being of immigrants. The time use data suggests that the Internet changing immigrants’ networking is part of the story. I also show the role of return intentions and Facebook usage, among other factors. These findings align with a Roy model of migration, augmented with a choice between host- vs. home-country ties. Overall, this paper shows how digital technologies transform the immigration, diversity, and social cohesion nexus.

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Economic and Social History Seminar

Jochen Streb (Mannheim)

“Patentstreitigkeiten im Deutschen Reich”

We provide an empirical analysis of patent litigation in the German Empire by using a new data set that includes detailed information on patent proceedings. Our data combine micro-level information on nullification decisions by the Imperial Patent Office and the court of appeal, the Imperial Court, with data on high-value patents. By using nullification decisions as a proxy for patent conflicts, we analyze the differences in the intensity of patent conflicts across industries. Our results reveal a significant heterogeneity. By introducing the new concept of technological concentration, we show that in industries with high technological concentration patent litigation was less frequent. We argue that, unlike small and medium-sized enterprises, innovative companies with market power had the option of resolving patent disputes outside the courts through cartel-like agreements such as patent pools.

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