



NEWSLETTER 2019-26

CALENDAR:

PhD Seminar

Michael Rindler (Universität Regensburg):
Common Language and International Trade

Monday, November 25
11:00
VG 2.35

IOS Seminar

James Okrah (Ural Federal University):
The Role of Institutions in Contributing to Innovativeness in Russia

Tuesday, November 26
13:30-15:30
WIOS 109 (Landshuter Str.4)

Lunch Seminar

Axelle Ferriere (Paris School of Economics):
TBA

Wednesday, November 27
12:00-13:30
VG 2.35

Economic and Social History Seminar

Jan-Ruth Mills (Florida State University, Tallahassee):
*Death Shadows Reconsidered: "Bergkristall" and Messerschmitt
262 Production in American Military Documents*

Wednesday, November 27
18:15–20:30
VG 1.30

ABSTRACTS:

IOS Seminar

James Okrah:

The Role of Institutions in Contributing to Innovativeness in Russia

Abstract: Institutions play an important role in creating the essential environment for business activities to thrive in a nation. We examine the contribution of selected institutional factors - the rule of law, corruption and top-level management years of experience - on the level of innovativeness in Russia. The study employs the logit model to analyze data from the World Bank's Enterprise Surveys, primarily SMCs in Russia enterprises distributed across a broad range of industries in both the manufacturing and service sectors. The study draws on the Upper Echelon theory as a theoretical framework for the econometric analysis. Implications are discussed.

Economic and Social History Seminar

Jan-Ruth Mills:

Death Shadows Reconsidered: "Bergkristall" and Messerschmitt 262 Production in American Military Documents

Abstract: Recent films by Austrian Andreas Sulzer (ZDF) use US military documents to weave a conspiracy theory that a previously unknown underground facility near the Bergkristall tunnels in St. Georgen a/d Gusen, Austria, was hidden as result of the American's capture and detention of SS-General Hans Kammler. The film implies Kammler was such a high value intelligence target that the US hid the paper trail regarding his exploitation for years causing this unknown tunnel system to be lost to history. An examination of Mr. Sulzer's documentation discounts this story. US military documents relating to the Bergkristall tunnels, slave labor and the Me 262 reveal the obscurity of the tunnels was a domestic Austrian product and never a US secret.

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