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CALENDAR

IOS Seminar

Vladimir Gimpelson (University of Wisconsin-Madison and IZA)

"Intergenerational mobility through the lens of subjective well-being"

Tue, May 20

14:30 - 16:00

109 and Zoom

Lunch Seminar

Lea Cassar (Universität Regensburg)

"Mental Health Economics: Shaping Public Policy and Organizational Practices"

Wed, May 21

12:00 - 13:00

Economic and Social History Seminar

Victoria Gierok (Oxford)

"Bringing the Contractor Back In: The Thirty Years' War and the Fiscal-Military State"

Wed, May 21

18:00 - 20:15

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ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

IOS Seminar

Vladimir Gimpelson (University of Wisconsin-Madison and IZA)

“Intergenerational mobility through the lens of subjective well-being”

Do people in the post-socialist countries have higher living standards compared to their parents? According to the objective data, they definitely are. But do they see the change in the same way as the statistics does? Do they expect a better future for their children compared to what they have today? How does evaluation of the recent change interact with expectations for the future? Comparing generations on these issues equals studying intergenerational change. This set of questions relates to the long-term implications of the post-socialist transition for human capital accumulation and utilization, as well as for evolution of the living standards. Political attitudes towards democracy and market economy are also not neutral to these questions. I use questions from the Life in Transition Survey (LiTS) asking whether respondents have done better than their parents and whether children will have a better life than the current generation. The LiTS data cover all 29 post-socialist countries and span over 15 years. I apply simple econometric tools for exploring major trends and inter-group and cross-country variation.

Info:

In person in Room 109 and via Zoom-Meeting:

<https://ios-regensburg-de.zoom.us/j/61791297400?pwd=qWXxKXto1E81Sjz6RMmte3DbaoID6H.1>

Meeting ID: 617 9129 7400

Passcode: 194924

Lunch Seminar

Lea Cassar (Universität Regensburg)

“Mental Health Economics: Shaping Public Policy and Organizational Practices”

This session will work as an ERC mock presentation by Lea Cassar, followed by a Q&A.

Info:

via Zoom-Meeting:

<https://uni-regensburg.zoom-x.de/j/65879844650>



Economic and Social History Seminar

Victoria Gierok (Oxford)

“Bringing the Contractor Back In: The Thirty Years’ War and the Fiscal-Military State”

This paper challenges the notion that the military revolution of the sixteenth century was the crucial determinant in the emergence of centralized fiscal-military states in central Europe. Instead, it argues that warfare in the sixteenth and seventeenth century is best characterized by the notion of the ‘contractor state’ which relied on professional military enterprisers to wage war. It does so by investigating the Thirty Years’ War which was the largest and most destructive conflict of pre-industrial Europe involving nearly all of its major powers. Based on novel, granular data the paper proves that urban financial contributions were extracted by military enterprisers and that these exceeded centrally-collected imperial contributions. In consequence, average household wealth declined by 37 percent during this period.

Info:

in person



CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

Johann Weiß will give a presentation on "Beyond Bricks and Mortar: The Economic Implications of Sacred Space Transformation" on Monday, May 19th at 10:30 in Room VG 2.35.

Alicia Billand will give a presentation on "Exploring Alternative Asset Classes in the Context of Sustainability" on Wednesday, May 21st at 10:00 in Room VG 2.38.

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