



Upcoming Seminars

Monday, 17.10.2022

Departmental Seminar

13.30-14.30

AWI room 00.010

Judit Vall Castelló, University of Barcelona

"The Effect of Access to Legal Abortion on Fertility, Marriage, and Long-term Outcomes for Women"

(host: Christiane Schwieren)

Wednesday, 19.10.2022 Internal Seminar

12.15-13.15

AWI room 00.010

Thiago Cyfer Goularte

"Decisions Under Ambiguity: Incorporating New Evidence into Theory"

(host: Stefan Trautmann)

Abstracts

Departmental Seminar

Judit Vall Castelló

"The Effect of Access to Legal Abortion on Fertility, Marriage, and Long-term Outcomes for Women"

We evaluate the short- and long-term effects for women of access to legal, subsidized abortion. We find evidence that the legalization of abortion in Spain in 1985 led to an immediate decrease in births, more pronounced for younger women in provinces with a higher supply of abortion services. Affected women were more likely to graduate from high school, less likely to marry young, less likely to divorce in the long-term, and reported higher life satisfaction as adults. We do not find negative effects on completed fertility, nor do we find significant effects on labor market outcomes in the long run.

Thiago Cyfer Goularte

"Decisions Under Ambiguity: Incorporating New Evidence into Theory"

How do people make decisions when little is known about how likely future events are? We present an ongoing study that proposes a theoretical framework that incorporates in its predictions the most recent evidence in the field. We specifically highlight the roles of: (i) changes in ambiguity attitude (ambiguity aversion or ambiguity seeking) in the domain of gains and losses; (ii) how the available choices (i.e., the decision maker choice set) affect ambiguity perception; (iii) how overweighting / underweighting of outcomes respond to the perceived likelihood (low, mid or high-likelihood) of events.

Talks and Research visits

Zeno Enders discussed the paper "Monetary policy in a two-country model with behavioral agents" at the Fourth Biennial Conference on New Dimensions of Monetary Policy, organized by the Polish and Lithuanian Central Banks, Warsaw, September 22-23.

Pascal Kieren presented his paper "The Portfolio Composition Effect" (with Müller-Dethard, J., and Weber, M.) at *the Gesellschaft für Experimentelle Wirtschaftsforschung*, Salzburg, September 21-23.

The Annual Conference of the Verein für Socialpolitik 2022 (Universität Basel), Session on "Awareness, Unawareness, and Ambiguity in Data-Based Decision Making" has been organized by **Jürgen Eichberger** and Ani Guerdjikova (University of Grenoble Alpes) with papers presented by Ani Guerdjikova (University of Grenoble Alpes) on "Cases and States", by Burkhard Schipper (UC Davis) on "Predicting the Unpredictable under Subjective Expected Utility", by Adam Dominiak (Virginia Tech) on "Ordered Surprises", and by Stefania Minardi (HEC Paris) on "Case-Based Persuasion".

At the *ESA 2022* in Bologna, August 31 to September 3, the following papers were presented: **Theodore Alysandratos**: "Identify the Expert': an Experimental Study in Economic Advice"; **Vinizius Ferraz**: "Experimental Investigation of Stationary Equilibria in the Context of an Inspection Game"; **Leon Houf**: "Going beyond the in-/out-group dichotomy: Investigating altruism towards middle-groups"; **Joerg Oechssler**: "Do women shy away from risky skill games?"; **Tamas Olah**: "Social Norms regarding Data Sharing in publicly funded research"; **Andis Sofianos**: "Intelligence Disclosure and Cooperation in Repeated Interactions".

Christoph Becker is staying for a three months research visit at the Behavioural Science Group at Warwick Business School until October 31. He is working on a project on virtual bargaining with his hosts Nick Chater and Hossam Zeitoun.

Leon Houf is staying for a 2 months research visit at the *Copenhagen Center for Social Data Science* till mid-December.

Thiago C. Goularte (room 01.015) starts a two-month research visit at AWI, hosted by Stefan Trautmann, on October 4th. He is a Ph.D. candidate at the School of Economics, Management, Accounting and Actuarial Sciences of Sao Paulo University in Brazil. His main research interests are: (i) Decision Theory - specifically decision-making under ambiguity, i.e., how agents make decisions when the probability of each possible outcome is hard to pin down; (ii) (Behavioral) Finance - specifically the effect of macroeconomic policy on agents' risk-aversion. Thiago addresses these questions both theoretically and empirically.



Andrea Celico, hosted by Axel Dreher, will be on a three months research visit up to mid-December. He is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Navarra (UNAV) in Pamplona (Spain) under the supervision of Prof. Martin Rode. His research interests rest mainly in political economy. So far his research focused on the effects of reforms on culture, the measurement of populism, and populism consequences.



New Publications

Florian Diekert, Tillmann Eymess, Joseph Luomba, Israel Waichman: "The Creation of Social Norms under Weak Institutions", *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, Volume 9, Number 6.

Theodore Alysandratos: "One Judge to Rule Them All: Single-member Courts as an Answer to Delays in Criminal Trials" (with Konstantinos Kalliris) has been accepted by the *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*.

Jürgen Eichberger published a Book Review in *Journal of Economic Literature* Vol. LX (September 2022) on *Beyond Uncertainty: Reasoning with Unknown Possibilities* by Katie Steele and H. Orri Stefánsson, Cambridge University Press, 2021.

New Working Papers

Johannes Matzat and Aiko Schmeißer: "Do Unions Shape Political Ideologies at Work?", AWI Discussion Paper Series, no. 719.

Miscellaneous

Christopher Zuber successfully defended his PhD thesis "Fiscal Policy and Recessions: Effects on Economic Growth and Potential Output" on Monday, September 19. He joined the scientific staff of the German Council of Economic Experts in May 2022.

Matthias Quinckhardt, former PhD student at the chair of Christina Gattmann, successfully defended his doctoral these on "Essays on Political Economy", August 1. Matthias is now working as an economist for *Amazon* in London, UK for some months.

New and Leaving Staff

Davis Schweinberg (room 01.026) joined the AWI as a Ph.D. student under the supervision of Juniorprofessor Joep Lustenhouwer. He holds a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Heidelberg and completed a semester abroad at the University of Milan. During his time as a student, he gained working experience at the Chair of Labor Economics and the Chair of Macroeconomics. His research interests lie in the area of macroeconomic modeling, in particular the investigation of expectation formation processes.



Andis Sofianos, former Postdoc at the chair of Jörg Oechssler, left the AWI in September 2022 and is now an Associate Professor at the Department of Economics in Durham University, UK.

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