



## Upcoming Seminars

### Wednesday, 24.4.2019 Internal Seminar

12.15-13.15  
AWI 00.010

Raghul S. Venkatesh, AMSE Aix-Marseille School of  
Economics (invited by Andis Sofianos)

"Communication and Commitment with Constraints: An  
Application to International Alliances"

## Abstracts

### Internal Seminar

Raghul S. Venkatesh

"Communication and Commitment with Constraints: An Application to International Alliances"

I study the role of communication and commitment between an informed and an uninformed agent. The two agents contribute to a joint coordination game such that (i) the agents' actions are substitutable, and (ii) the actions are constrained. When agents are allowed to share information prior to the coordination stage, in the absence of commitment, there is full information revelation as long as constraints are not binding. The presence of binding constraints results in only partial revelation of information in equilibrium. The most informative equilibrium is strictly pareto dominant. I then study a one-sided (limited) commitment problem in which the uninformed agent commits to an ex-ante communication dependent decision rule, while the informed agent's action is non-contractible. I completely characterize the optimal commitment mechanism for the uninformed agent. Commitment minimizes the inefficiency from miscoordination and strictly increases (ex-ante) welfare of both agents. Finally, I apply these theoretical results to the problem of information sharing and binding agreements in international alliances.

## Talks and Research Visits

**Raghul S. Venkatesh** (AMSE Aix-Marseille School of Economics) will be staying at the AWI (guest office, 01.012a) for a research visit on the invitation of Andis Sofianos from April 22 to May 9, 2019 in order to do joint research with his host. Raghul will present his paper „Communication and Commitment with Constraints: An Application to International Alliances“ at the Internal Seminar on April 24.

**Andis Sofianos** presented his paper "Self-reported & revealed trust: Experimental evidence", at *The Royal Economic Society Annual Conference* at the University of Warwick, April 15-17.

**Jürgen Eichberger** presented his paper "Games In Context: Equilibrium Under Ambiguity For Belief Functions" (joint with Adam Dominiak) at the Department of Business Decisions and Analytics of the University of Vienna, April 4.

**Christian Conrad** presented the paper "Multiplicative Mixed Frequency MEM-GARCH" (joint with Robert Engle, Stern School of Business) at the Annual Meeting of the Committee on Econometrics, Verein für Socialpolitik, at Schloss Rauschholzhausen, March 2.

## Miscellaneous

**Zeno Enders** started his stay, which lasts until the end of the summer semester, as a visiting researcher at the research center of the Deutsche Bundesbank, Frankfurt.

**SAI** with the Department of Development Economics of Stefan Klonner and his staff moved from Neuenheimer Feld to Bergheim, Voßstrasse 2, building 4130, in April. SAI is part of the new **Centre for Asian and Transcultural Studies** ([CATS](#)).

## New and Leaving Staff

**Anca Balietti** moved to the AWI, Environmental Economics, Bergheimer Str. 20 (room 216) for a Junior Professorship in April 2019 (position owning already since December 2018). Prior to that she was a post-doc at Harvard University (2016-2018) and a PhD student at the University of Zurich in Switzerland. Her main research interests are environmental and development economics.



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