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Michael Knaus (Universität Tübingen)

"Treatment Effect Estimators as Weighted Outcomes"

Mon, Dec 13

14:15 - 15:30

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Lev Lvovskiy (BEROC, Riga)

"High-Skilled Exiles: Expectations and Strategies"

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Karoline Ströhlein (Universität Regensburg)

"Gendered Language, Economic Behavior and Norm Compliance"

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Economic and Social History Seminar

Michael Rösser (Bamberg)

"Nosing into Ignorance – Snuff Tobacco, Colonial Dimensions and Health Discourse"

Wed, Jan 15

18:00 - 20:15

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ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Departmental Seminar

Michael Knaus (Universität Tübingen)

“Treatment Effect Estimators as Weighted Outcomes”

Estimators that weight observed outcomes to form effect estimates have a long tradition. Their outcome weights are widely used in established procedures, such as checking covariate balance, characterizing target populations, or detecting and managing extreme weights. This paper introduces a general framework for deriving such outcome weights. It establishes when and how numerical equivalence between an original estimator representation as moment condition and a unique weighted representation can be obtained. The framework is applied to derive novel outcome weights for the six seminal instances of double machine learning and generalized random forests, while recovering existing results for other estimators as special cases. The analysis highlights that implementation choices determine (i) the availability of outcome weights and (ii) their properties. Notably, standard implementations of partially linear regression-based estimators, like causal forests, employ outcome weights that do not sum to (minus) one in the (un)treated group, not fulfilling a property often considered desirable.

Info:

in person

IOS Seminar

Lev Lvovskiy (BEROC, Riga)

“High-Skilled Exiles: Expectations and Strategies”

The project focuses on how highly skilled immigrants from Ukraine and Belarus, whose expertise is not directly transferable to the EU labor market, navigate and choose their career strategies. The project aims to understand the challenges they face and the factors influencing their decisions in adapting to new economic environments.

Info:

Zoom-Meeting:

<https://ios-regensburg-de.zoom.us/j/69849937570?pwd=kAs4drEzcMme4ZiAtDzoZePGCGgdUv.1>

Meeting ID: 698 4993 7570

Passcode: 611421



Lunch Seminar

Karoline Ströhlein (Universität Regensburg)

“Gendered Language, Economic Behavior and Norm Compliance”

We conducted a controlled experiment to investigate how different gender frames in instructions and norm salience affect economic behavior and norm compliance. Our experiment, conducted in German, systematically varied the framing of instructions by using a male, female, or gender-inclusive form and whether a prescriptive norm was introduced. Participants played three standard two-player economic games measuring prosocial behavior, specifically focusing on sharing, cooperation, and honesty. We explored whether participants behaved differently when their self-reported gender matched the grammatical gender used in the experimental instructions.

Overall, we find no strong evidence that a match between the participant’s self-reported gender and the norm formulation led to a higher increase in norm compliance compared to the differences in a mismatch or gender-inclusive frame.

The results show that the framing of instructions had the strongest impact on sharing behavior, particularly among male participants, where a match between the participant’s gender and the instructions’ gender frame led to a higher increase in norm compliance compared to gender-inclusive formulations. In contrast, we found only mild or no significant differences in cooperation and honesty across treatments.

Our findings help to shed light on the question if and how gender in language and norm salience shape behavior. These insights are important for organizations and in administrative contexts where we observe an ongoing debate about the usage of gender-fair language.

Info:

in person

Economic and Social History Seminar

Michael Rösser (Bamberg)

“Nosing into Ignorance – Snuff Tobacco, Colonial Dimensions and Health Discourse”

Late nineteenth and the twentieth century experienced the triumph of the cigarette. Yet, snuffing was the earliest and most widespread form of tobacco consumption, when the colonial consumer good first reached Europe in the Early Modern period. By means of the company files of the snuff tobacco producer Gebrüder Bernard, my presentation aims at tackling the widespread ignorance towards the history of snuff tobacco in three ways. First, it situates the history of snuff into field of historical research regarding tobacco production and consumption. Secondly, it reveals the so far ignored colonial connections of the company Gebrüder Bernard from Regensburg, which have been producing snuff tobacco since 1773. Thirdly, it examines so far neglected health discourses about snuffing tobacco and their longevity.

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in person



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