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AWI This Week

Monday, 8.12.08

Departmental Seminar

17.15-18.45

Philippe Mongin,
Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (HEC)

AWI 1017

"The Premiss-Based Approach to Logical Aggregation"

Wednesday, 10.12.08

Internal Seminar

17.15-18.45

Florian Englmaier,
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

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"Public Good Experiments in the Lab and in the Field"

Departmental Seminar

Philippe Monginy

"The Premiss-Based Approach to Logical Aggregation"

We investigate judgment aggregation by assuming that some formulas of the agenda are singled out as premisses, and the Independence condition (formula-wise aggregation) holds for them, though perhaps not for others. Whether premiss-based aggregation thus defined is non-degenerate depends on how premisses are logically connected, both among themselves and with other formulas. We identify necessary and sufficient conditions for dictatorship or oligarchy on the premisses, and investigate when these results extend to the whole agenda. Our theorems recover or strengthen several existing ones and are formulated for infinite populations, an innovation of this paper.

(with Franz Dietrich)

Internal Seminar

Florian Englmaier

"Public Good Experiments in the Lab and in the Field"

We run a public good experiment in the field and in the lab with (partly) the same subjects. The field experiment is a true natural field experiment as subjects do not know that they are exposed to an experimental variation. We can show that subjects' behaviour in the classic lab public good experiment correlates with their behaviour in the structurally equivalent public good treatment in the field but not or much less with behaviour in any of two control treatments we ran in the field. Hence we conclude that a) the classic lab public good experiment captures important aspects of many structurally equivalent real life situations and b) that behaviour in lab and field at least in our setting is driven by the same underlying forces.

(with Georg Gebhardt)

Talks and Research Visits

Timo Goeschl presented a paper on moral crowding issues in climate change policies at the Department of Economics, University College London, last week. He was also a short-term academic visitor at the Smith School for Enterprise and the Environment at Oxford University.

New Publications

Hans-Christian Krcal: Strategische Implikationen einer geringen Fertigungstiefe für die Automobilindustrie, in: Schmalenbachs Zeitschrift für betriebswirtschaftliche Forschung (zfbf), Vol. 60, December 2008, 778-808.

Miscellaneous

Timo Goeschl has been appointed as a member of the DFG (German Research Foundation) Senate Commission on Biodiversity. The Senate Commission's remit is to strengthen and coordinate German research on this key environmental problem and to provide scientific advice to policymakers.

On Tuesday, December 2, Svenja Espenhorst did her doctor's degree in "Wirkungen staatlich geförderter umweltorientierter Verbundprojekte auf Unternehmen: Die Verwendung der Forschungsergebnisse und das Kooperationsverhalten."

On Wednesday, December 3, Dieter Weinmann did his doctor's degree in "Students Relationship Management – Grundlagen und ein Systementwurf nach ARIS für ein Studentenbeziehungsmanagement an deutschen Hochschulen."

Congrats!

On Dec. 5, Balázs Cserna will be awarded the 2008 Best Tutorials Prize by the AWI students' council. Balázs Cserna has received the highest ratings for his outstanding commitment. His tutorials on statistics, econometrics, economic statistics and social statistics were rated at the top by the students.

On Saturday, December 13, Dr Grischa Perino, one of the Department's recent PhD graduates and currently Lecturer in the School of Economics, University of East Anglia, will be awarded the Environmental Research Award 2008 (Umweltpreis) of the Dülger-Foundation in a ceremony in the Old University building in Heidelberg. This is the second time in a row that an economist has been awarded this prestigious prize. Last year's award went to Christian Träger, now an assistant professor at UC Berkeley.

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