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Wednesday, 15. 4. 09

Internal Seminar

17.15-18.45

Nathalie Jorzik

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"Endogenous Preferential Trade Agreements and the
Feasibility of Multilateral Liberalization"

Abstracts

Internal Seminar

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"Endogenous Preferential Trade Agreements and the Feasibility of Multilateral Liberalization"

We analyze the impact of preferential trade agreements (PTAs) on multilateral cooperation in a "competing exporters" model with three countries that are asymmetrical with respect to income. We use a network formation approach in which countries can sign bilateral and multilateral trade agreements. We investigate the structure of stable trading networks and show that global free trade is a stable state whenever countries' income level is relatively similar. When countries' income level differs, free trade can no longer be achieved.

Talks and Research Visits

On March 26, Malte Faber in cooperation with the philosopher Thomas Peterson gave a lecture on "Causality in economics. What are the causes for the present financial crisis?" in the *Arbeitskreis Natur- und Geisteswissenschaftler* at the University of Heidelberg

New Publications

Hans Diefenbacher / Roland Zieschank: *Wohlfahrtsmessung in Deutschland – ein Vorschlag für einen neuen Wohlfahrtsindex*. Heidelberg/Berlin: FEST/FFU, summary and report also available via <http://www.beyond-gdp.eu/news.html>

Hans Diefenbacher: *Nachhaltigkeitsberichterstattung und kommunale Lernprozesse*, in: Müller-Plantenberg, Clarita (Hrsg.): *Der Bildungsprozess beim Aufbau der Solidarischen Ökonomie*. Kassel: Kassel University Press, 43 – 58.

Schwieren, C. & Weichselbaumer, D: *Does Competition Enhance Performance or Cheating? A Laboratory Experiment.*, *Journal of Economic Psychology*, forthcoming.

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