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AWI This Week

Monday, 4. 5. 09

Departmental Seminar

17.15-18.45

AWI 00.010

Carlos Alos-Ferrer, University of Konstanz

"Hidden Symmetries and Focal Points"

Wednesday, 6. 5. 09

Internal Seminar

17.15-18.45

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Peter Dürsch

"The Effects of Mandatory Sick Pay"

Abstracts

Departmental Seminar

Carlos Alos-Ferrer

"Hidden Symmetries and Focal Points"*

We provide a general formal framework to define and analyze the concepts of focal points and frames for normal form games. The information provided by a frame is captured by a symmetry structure which is consistent with the payoff structure of the game. The set of alternative symmetry structures has itself a clear structure (a lattice). Focal points are strategy profiles which respect the symmetry structure and are chosen according to some meta-norm, which is not particular to the framed game at hand. The definition of a symmetry structure is given in steps of increasing complexity allowing us to precisely explain differences between existing definitions.

* with Christoph Kuzmics

Internal Seminar

Peter Dürsch

"The Effects of Mandatory Sick Pay" *

Sick pay is a common provision in most labor contracts. We employ an experimental gift-exchange environment to explore two related questions. First, does the introduction of a mandatory minimum sick pay, reduce the reciprocity of workers. Second, do heterogenous probabilities of falling sick lead to adverse selection of workers and a subsequent reduction of sick pay offered by firms.

*with Stefan Baumschuster, Jörg Oechssler, Radovan Vadovic

Talks and Research Visits

On May 7-9, Jürgen Eichberger will participate in the "Tagung des Theoretischen Ausschusses", Eltville, and give a lecture on "Information, Lernen und Ambiguität in der Entscheidungstheorie".

Miscellaneous

On Wednesday, May 6, there will be a regulars' table. We will meet at the main entrance of Campus Bergheim at 19:00 or in the *Schwarzer Peter*, Römerstr. 34 (strictly follow the exit of Campus Bergheim down south!).

**Editorial deadline for issue 11/2009 of the newsletter:
Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 12 o'clock
newsletter@awi.uni-heidelberg.de**

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