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AWI This Week

Monday, 8.11.10

Departmental Seminar

17.15-18.45

Caitlin Knowles Myers, Middlebury College

AWI 00.010

"Power of the Pill or Power of Abortion? Re-examining the Effects of Young Women's Access to Reproductive Control"

Wednesday, 10.11.10

Internal Seminar

17.15-18.45

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"Testing Guilt Aversion in a Dictator Game"

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"Power of the Pill or Power of Abortion? Re-examining the Effects of Young Women's Access to Reproductive Control"

Recent research postulating that the diffusion of the birth control pill to young women in the United States contributed to the dramatic social changes of the 1960s and 1970s has not adequately accounted for the largely contemporaneous diffusion of abortion. This paper uses variation in state legal environments to evaluate the separate effects of both forms of reproductive control. The results suggest that while the dissemination of the pill to young unmarried women may have played a role in the sexual revolution, it is the dissemination of abortion that contributed to delayed marriage and childbearing and increased post-secondary educational attainment.

Internal Seminar

Daniel Römer

"Testing Guilt Aversion in a Dictator Game"

We analyse the influence of a recipient's expectations on a dictator's donations in a two round dictator game. While reproducing the result of existing studies and rejecting the guilt aversion hypothesis in the first round, we show that first order beliefs and transfers are positively correlated in the second round indicating an influence of others' expectations on own behaviour. In addition, the two-round setup allows us to control for individual effects representing a new general approach going well beyond studying guilt aversion. Summarizing, our results suggest that the general concept of guilt aversion should not be rejected but needs to be refined.

Jour Fixe

The AWI JOUR FIXE takes place at the Lounge on a weekly basis on Mondays from 16:30 till 17:15 (i.e., just before the departmental seminar). There you will have the opportunity to meet the speaker, enjoy a coffee, and exchange news and discuss research with other members of the AWI.

Talks and Research Visits

Jörg Oechssler presented his paper "Unbeatable Imitation" (joint with Peter Dürsch and Burkhard Schipper) in the faculty seminar of the University of Konstanz on October 27.

New Publications

Travis Warziniak: *Invasive Species and Endogenous Risk* with David Finnoff, Chris McIntosh, Jason Shogren, and Charles Sims in Annual Review of Resource Economics, Volume 2, 2010.

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