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Talks and Research Visits

At the 2017 North American ESA conference in Richmond, Virginia, October 19-21, the following papers were presented: **Anna Merkel**: "Legislative Bargaining with subjective claims" (joint with Christoph Vanberg); **Gert Pönitzsch**: "Pro-social Behavior by Groups and Individuals: Evidence from Contributions to a Global Public Good"; **Stefan Trautmann**: "Inequality, Fairness and Social Capital".

Jonas Dovert presented his paper "The Effects of Recessions on Potential Output Estimates: Size, Timing and Determinants" at the XIII Conference on Real-Time Data Analysis, Methods and Applications" at the Banco de España in Madrid on October 20.

Christina Gathmann participated as discussant at the 66th Economic Policy Panel Meeting, hosted by the European Commission at Brussels, October 19-20.

Anna Busse will be visiting Prof. Maarten Lindeboom's chair at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam from October 30 until December 15.

New and Leaving Staff

Rajesh Ramachandran (room 01.008) took up a postdoc position at the AWI, October 2017. He completed his PhD in Economics from Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona in 2013 and was previously employed as a postdoctoral researcher at Goethe University, Frankfurt since 2013. His main area of research is at the intersection of development economics and its political economy. His principal interests include language policy, economics of discrimination and institutional economics. Currently, his research deals with the causes and consequences of language policy choices from both a contemporary and an historical perspective. The theme explored in the research provides a novel mechanism for understanding the comparative economic, political and social development of nation states.



[Nestor Parolya](#) (room 01.009) is a new interim professor at the Chair of *Econometrics/Empirical Economics* for the winter semester 2017/18.

Felix Link left the AWI to take up a position as Project Manager at *Far-Eastern Consulting* in Ludwigshafen as of October 1.

Miscellaneous

Onno Kleen and Christopher Zuber won the 1st prize for their Whitepaper "Lykke Crypto Index 20" at Lykke marketplace by proposing the cryptocurrency index LCI20. Further information can be found [here](#).

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