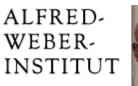
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Upcoming Seminars

Monday, 6.11.2017	Departmental Seminar
13.30-14.30 AWI 00.010	Antonio Ciccone, University of Mannheim (invited by Axel Dreher) "Democratic Tipping Points"
Wednesday, 8.11.2017	Internal Seminar
12.15-13.15	Christopher Kops
AWI 00.010	"A Model of Endogenous Preferences"
Wednesday, 8.11.2017	Macro & Econometrics Seminar
17.00-18.00	Thomas Eife
AWI 01.030	"A Model of Industrial Policy with Capability Linkages"

Abstracts

Departmental Seminar

Antonio Ciccone

"Democratic Tipping Points"

Investigation whether transitory economic shocks can move countries permanently towards democracy.

Internal Seminar

Christopher Kops

"A Model of Endogenous Preferences"

The standard framework of rational choice relies on the implicit assumption that a decision maker turns a blind eye to the external state of affairs. The marketing and psychology literatures, however, have assembled an impressive body of evidence suggesting that consumers incorporate external information into their choice behavior. In this paper, we show how we can derive the decision maker's preferences when external evidence constrains her in maximizing her preferences. We illustrate how more information and misinformation, in particular, can make the decision maker worse off. Further, we provide a behavioral characterization for maximizing a single preference relation under endogenous influence and show how our theory accommodates leading experimental evidence on violations of rational choice.

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