



Upcoming Seminars

Monday, 8.1.2018

Departmental Seminar

13.30-14.30

AWI 00.010

Robert Lensink, University of Groningen

(invited by Stefan Klonner)

"Women Empowerment and Domestic Abuse: Theory and Experimental Evidence from Vietnam"

Wednesday, 10.1.2018

Macro & Econometrics Seminar

17.00-18.00

AWI 01.030

Jörg Breitung, University of Cologne

"Asymmetric Impulse Responses"

Abstracts

Departmental Seminar

Robert Lensink

"Women Empowerment and Domestic Abuse: Theory and Experimental Evidence from Vietnam"

Intimate partner violence is an important global health problem that policy makers seek to address by a variety of interventions, including efforts to promote "women empowerment." We use data from an RCT in Vietnam and find that this strategy may backfire: women who participated in a gender and entrepreneurship training suffer more frequent abuse than women in the control group. Guided by theory, we conjecture increased female income is the mechanism linking the training to domestic violence. We also make a methodological contribution, and show that the outcomes of our impact analysis depend on how we measure intimate partner violence.

Macro & Econometrics Seminar

Jörg Breitung

"Asymmetric Impulse Responses"

Abstract: The empirical analysis of dynamic macroeconomic models is typically based on Structural Vector Autoregressions (SVAR). An important limitation of such linear models is that a positive and negative shocks possess a similar effect on the variables of interest but with a different sign. In this paper we propose a nonlinear framework for modelling asymmetric impulse responses. Specifically we assume that the state of the moving average representation of the time series vector depends on the sign of the (unobserved) structural shock. We develop a maximum likelihood estimator for estimating the state-dependent SVAR model and a simple Lagrange Multiplier (LM) test for asymmetric impulse responses is proposed. The methodology is illustrated by studying asymmetric responses of GDP to government expenditure shocks in the U.S.

*with Benjamin Born

New Working Papers

Peter Duersch, Marco Lambrecht and Joerg Oechssler: "Measuring Skill and Chance in Games", AWI Discussion Paper Series No.643, Heidelberg University, December 2017.

Tamila Levoshko: "Pork-Barrel"-Politik und das regionale Wirtschaftswachstum. Empirische Evidenz für die Ukraine und Polen", AWI Discussion Paper Series No.642, Heidelberg University, December 2017.

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