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Upcoming Seminars

Monday, 27.5.2019

Departmental Seminar

13.30-14.30

AWI 00.010

Davide Cantini, MLU Munich

(invited by Dietmar Fehr)

"The Persistent Power of the Street"

Tuesday, 28.5.2019

Interdisziplinäres Fakultätsseminar

12.15-13.15

AWI 01.030

Christoph Vanberg (Ökon): "Gruppenentscheidungen und Abstimmungsregeln"

Christiane Schwieren (Ökon): "Cooperation and stress in a large international organization"

Departmental Seminar

Davide Cantoni

"The Persistent Power of the Street"*

What mobilizes individuals to participate in political movements? In this paper we test whether participation in a single political protest increases subsequent protest attendance. We also aim to uncover the mechanisms underlying persistent political engagement, considering changes in individuals' political beliefs, preferences, and changes to their social network. To identify a causal effect of past protest participation, we randomly "nudge" Hong Kong university students on the margin of attending an anti-authoritarian protest into participation. To identify the effects of social networks, we cross-randomize the intensity of this treatment across majorXcohort cells to generate exogenous variation in protest activity in an individual's social network. We find that experimentally- induced protest attendance is associated with very small changes in beliefs and preferences, both immediately after the protest and a year later. However, experimentally-induced past protest participation is significantly associated with political behavior one year later, with persistent engagement in the political movement greatest among individuals in the experimental cells with highest treatment intensity. Direct questions about motives for turnout confirm that the social utility of protests increased among the persistently politically engaged. These results highlight the path- dependence of political movements and the important role of social interactions in shaping political behavior.

*with Leonardo Bursztyn, David Yang, Noam Yuchtman, Jane Zha

Talks and Research Visits

Stefan Trautmann presented his paper "Implementing (un)fair procedures?" in France at the *Burgundy School of Business*, Dijon, May 20 and at the GATE Lyon/St Etienne, Lyon, May 21.

Gerda Asmus presented her papers "State presence and local economic development: Evidence from the Urals in the aftermath of Pugachev's 1773-1775 rebellion" (joint with Raphaël Franck) and "The Emergency: British detention camps and the origins of distrust in Kenya" (joint with Richard Bluhm and Tobias Korn) at the *2nd Workshop on Geodata in Economics* at Hamburg University, May 16-17.

Karlijn van den Broek, Florian Diekert, Timo Goeschl, Santiago Gomez, and Paul Tuda presented their BMBF-funded project "Fishing under the threat of a tipping Point", which examines the Nile perch fishery at Lake Victoria, at the BioTipp Kick-Off meeting in Berlin on May 14-15.

Timo Goeschl presented the paper "Endogenous vs. Exogenous Nudges in Social Dilemmas: An Online Experiment" at the Sub-Committee for Environmental and Resource Economics of the Verein für Socialpolitik in Rostock, May 3-4.

New Publications

The paper "Leveling Up? An Inter-Neighborhood Experiment on Parochialism and the Efficiency of Multi-Level Public Goods Provision" by Timo Goeschl (joint with C. Gallier; M. Kesternich, J. Lohse, C. Reif; D. Römer) has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.

New Working Papers

Jörg Oechssler and Andis Sofianos: "The Binary Lottery Procedure does not induce risk neutrality in the Holt-Laury and Eckel-Grossman tasks", in *AWI Discussion Paper Series*, No. 663, May 2019.

Miscellaneous

Timo Goeschl, together with **André Butz** (Institute of Environmental Physics) and **Sanam Vardag** (Heidelberg Center for the Environment) presented their research proposal 'Shaping Climate Action – the Science Base' at the International Conference on Climate Action 2019 in Heidelberg to Svenja Schulze, the Federal Minister of the Environment, and Franz Untersteller, the Minister of the Environment for Baden-Württemberg.

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