



## Upcoming Seminars

**Tuesday, 11.6.2019**

**Alfred Weber Lecture**

18.15 h

Robert Zoellick \*

Alte Aula der Universität

"The Changing Global Economic Geography"

Grabengasse 1

\* President of the World Bank (2007-2012), Deputy Secretary of State (2005-2006), U.S Trade Representative (2001-2005), lead U.S. negotiator in the 2 + 4 process for German unification.

**Wednesday, 12.6.2019**

**Macro & Econometrics Seminar**

12.15-13.15

Kartik Anand

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"Sovereign risk and bank fragility"

## Abstract

### Macro & Econometrics Seminar

Kartik Anand

"Sovereign risk and bank fragility"\*

We develop an equilibrium model of bank risk-taking in the presence of strategic sovereign default risk. Domestic banks can either invest in real projects or purchase government bonds. While an increase in purchases of government bonds crowds out profitable investment, it nevertheless improves the government's incentives to repay and reduces the bond price. However, since banks are price-takers in bond markets, this gives rise to a pecuniary externality. We analyze the welfare consequences of the externality and relate our findings to the debate on the efficacy of recent policy proposals for regulating banks' sovereign debt exposures.

\*with Jochen Mankart

## Talks and Research Visits

**James Tremewan**, University of Auckland, is staying for research visit with Christoph Vanberg, June 6-7.

**Timo Goeschl** gave an invited seminar titled "Choice Architecture in Social Dilemmas: Do-It-Yourself vs. Done-For-You" (joint with Johannes Diederich and Israel Waichman) at the EconomiX Seminar, Université de Paris-Nanterre, June 6.

**Jörg Oechssler** was visiting the WZB Berlin from May 1 to May 31 and gave the talk "The Conditional Contribution Mechanism - The General Case" at the WZB, at PIK Potsdam and at the University of Potsdam.

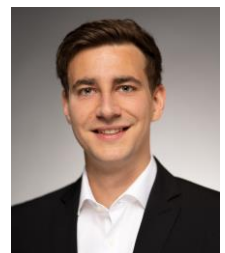
**Timo Goeschl** presented his paper "Cold Case: The forensic economics of energy efficiency labeling of domestic refrigeration appliances" at the 2019 Meeting of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists at Lake Tahoe, USA on May 31.

**Ole Monscheuer** presented his paper "National Identity and the Integration of Second-generation Immigrants" at the 16th IZA Annual Migration Meeting, UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy, Dublin, May 23-24.

At the Workshop "Small Towns and Villages as Resources for Integration of Migrants and Social Cohesion", Centro Italo-Tedesco per L'Eccellenza Europea, Villa Vigoni, in Lovenno di Menaggio/Italy, May 20-23, **Christina Gathmann** presented the paper "Access to Citizenship and the Social Integration of Immigrants" (joint with Nicolas Keller and Ole Monscheuer) and **Gaspere Tortorici** presented the paper "Post-Disaster International Migration: Evidence from the 1908 Messina and Reggio Calabria Earthquake" (joint with Yannay Spitzer and Ariell Zimran).

## New and Leaving Staff

Felix Grimm joined the AWI as a doctoral student at the Chair of Labor Economics and Political Economy under the supervision of Christina Gathmann. He holds an MSc in Economics from the University of Heidelberg and a BSc in International Economics and European Studies from the University of Tübingen. His research interests are in the field of applied microeconometrics, labor economics and policy evaluation.



Eduard Brüll left Christina Gathmann's chair on April 30 and took up a position as postdoc at the ZEW (Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research) in Mannheim.

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