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AWI This Week

Monday, 2.12.13	Departmental Seminar
17.15-18.45 AWI 00.010	Arnaud Dellis, University of Laval, Kanada "Multiple Votes, Multiple Candidacies and Polarization"
Wednesday, 4.12.13	Internal Seminar

Departmental Seminar

Arnaud Dellis

"Multiple Votes, Multiple Candidacies and Polarization"

We use the citizen-candidate model to study the differential incentives that alternative voting rules provide for candidate entry, and their effect on policy polarization. In particular, we show that allowing voters to cast multiple votes leads to equilibria which support multiple candidate clusters. These equilibria are more polarized than those obtained under the Plurality Rule. We also show that equilibria under the Alternative Vote Rule do not exhibit multiple candidate clusters and that these equilibria are less polarizing than those under the Plurality Rule. These results differ from those obtained in the existing literature, where the set of candidates is exogenous. Thus, our paper contributes to the scholarly literature as well as public debate on the merits of using different voting rules by highlighting the importance of endogenous candidacy.

Internal Seminar

Andreas Lindenblatt

"Fun and Games:

How Soccer Games and Conventions Raise the Demand for Paid Sex"*

This paper documents sizable effects on the demand for paid sexual services related to big sports events and conventions. The evidence rests on a large transaction-level data-set from a German internet platform on sex work which has been matched on event data relating to soccer games and trade fairs. The paper documents effects on both the supply and the demand for the number of sexual services as well as, though to a smaller extent, on their prices.

*with Peter Egger

Talks and Research Visits

Christiane Schwieren presented the paper "Reaching agreement on trusting behavior evidence on cultural differences from a public goods game with representatives" (joint work with Yoshio Iida and Andrew Isaak) in the 7th FINT Workshop on Trust Within and Between Organizations, Singapore, November 21-23.

Christian Conrad presented the paper "Anticipating Long-Term Stock Market Volatility" (joint with Karin Loch) in the research seminar at Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki, November 14.

Visitors

<u>Arnaud Dellis</u>, University of Laval, Kanada, will stay at the AWI (room 01.012a) for doing research with Christoph Vanberg from December 2-6.

New Publications

Thomas Petersen and Malte Faber: *Karl Marx und die Philosophie der Wirtschaft. Bestandsaufnahme – Überprüfung – Neubewertung (Karl Marx and the Philosophy of Economy. Stock-Taking – Examination – Re-Evaluation),* Karl Alber Verlag, Freiburg, November 2013, 283 pages, ISBN 978-3-48624-5.

Miscellaneous

Johannes Diederich, former Ph. D. student at the chair of Timo Goeschl, has successfully defended his doctoral thesis on "Determinants of the Voluntary Provision of Public Goods: Experimental Investigations", November 15.

Christina Gathmann has been appointed to the Scientific Advisory Council of the Institute for Employment Research (Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung - IAB) in Nürnberg.

Malte Faber and Thomas Petersen were asked by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GiZ) to give workshops on "Application of Environmental Policy with case Studies on Waste Legislations and Waste Management in Germany" at the Provincial Environmental Ministry in Nanning, Province Guangxi, PR China on November 11, and at the Organization Department and Environmental Protection Bureau, Guilin, Province Guangxi, PR China on November 12.

Editorial deadline for issue 29/2013 of the newsletter: Wednesday, December 4, 2013, 12 o'clock newsletter@awi.uni-heidelberg.de

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