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AWI This Week

Monday, 11.5.15

Departmental Seminar

17.15-18.45

Alexander Karpov, University of Heidelberg

AWI 00.010

"Patient mobility, health care quality, welfare and regulation"

Wednesday, 13.5.15

Internal Seminar

12.15-13.15

Ole Monscheuer

AWI 00.010

"Citizenship and the Social Integration of Immigrants:
Evidence from Germany's Immigration Reforms"

Departmental Seminar

Alexander Karpov

"Patient mobility, health care quality, welfare and regulation"

This paper justifies unequal health care quality in a model with two regions and patients differentiated by location and quality perception. There are two efficient regimes of health care quality provision. In the presence of high travel and quality provision costs, qualities should be equal. Reducing these costs results in unequal distribution of quality in effective solution. High health care inequality under a centralised solution is better for the majority of the population as well as for both regions, if the costs are sufficiently low. As long as utility is linear in income it does not depend on difference on income levels in two regions. Market equilibrium implements an efficient solution only when there are high travel and quality provision costs. Lump-sum transfers and price regulatory policies restore efficiency in the case of low costs

Internal Seminar

Ole Monscheuer

"Citizenship and the Social Integration of Immigrants: Evidence from Germany's Immigration Reforms"*

Abstract: We study whether the option to naturalize improves social and cultural integration of immigrants in the host country. The empirical analysis relies on two immigration reforms in Germany, a country with a traditionally weak record of immigrant assimilation. For identification, we exploit the introduction of citizenship eligibility rules that varied across arrival and birth cohorts. Our results suggest that access to citizenship has significant effects on marriage behavior, fertility, and attitudes towards gender roles of immigrants. The option to naturalize delays marriage to later ages and partly increases the likelihood of marrying a German spouse. Female immigrants also have lower fertility overall and tend to postpone their first birth, especially when they are high-skilled. Finally, male immigrants have less traditional opinions about the proper role of women in society when they become eligible for German citizenship. Overall, our results support the idea that access to citizenship speeds up social and cultural assimilation even in non-traditional immigrant countries.

*with Christina Gathmann and Nicolas Keller

Talks and Research Visits

Zeno Enders presented the paper "Growth expectations, undue optimism, and short-run fluctuations" at the University of Konstanz, April 4.

New Publications

Diefenbacher, Hans/Rodenhäuser, Dorothee (2015): "Konkurrenz – wie viel darf's denn sein? Zum theoretischen Fundament und der Frage nach dem richtigen Maß in Ökonomie und Politik", in: Kirchhoff, Thomas (Hrsg.): Konkurrenz – historische, strukturelle und normative Perspektiven. Bielefeld: Transcript, 63 - 92

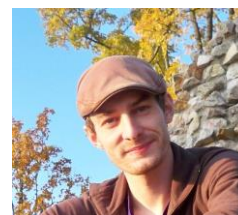
Visitors

Ha Nguyen, graduated PhD in Economics from the University of Colorado at Boulder, is visitor at the chair of Axel Dreher for two months (room 01.012a). Currently, he is a lecturer at the University of Economics, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, which is his home country. His research areas of interest include International Trade and Economic Geography. In particular, his on-going projects relate to home market effect, product quality, and skill premium in the mechanism of heterogeneous firms.



New and leaving staff

Marco Lambrecht (room 01.007) is a new doctoral student at the Chair of Economic Theory of Jörg Oechssler. He finished his diploma in Math at the University of Heidelberg in November 2012. From 2013 to 2015 he was working self-employed for different clients, for example teaching "Wirtschaftsmathematik" at the "Hochschule der Wirtschaft für Management" in Mannheim.



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