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Research Seminar & RTG Day

13.06.2023 (16:15 – 17:30, UDE Duisburg Campus LC 026) – Marianna Marino, Giacomo Valletta, Valerio Sterzi, Annabelle Jochem

“Breaking Up Cartels, Self-Reporting and Innovation Outcomes”

In this paper, we report evidence on the effect of self-reporting behavior on innovation outcomes in cartelized industries. We test the hypothesis that self-reporting behavior, compared to direct detection, provides the anti-trust authority with a superior set of information to eradicate the anti-competitive effects of cartel persistence. Our estimation strategy is based on a difference-in-difference approach that compares industries in which cartels have been self-reported (treated) with those affected by cartels that have been detected directly by the European Commission (controls) over the 1996-2012 period. Our results show that cartel breaking due to self-reporting increased the (quality weighted) number of patent applications and patenting firms in previously cartelized industries, being both effects mainly led by non-collusive and new patenting companies, respectively. Furthermore, introducing the 2002 reform of EU leniency program in our estimation setting, we find that the effects due to self-reporting enlarge after the aforementioned reform, which enhanced both transparency and predictability of the leniency policy.

20.06.2023 (16:15 – 17:30, UDE Duisburg Campus LC 026) – Kohei Takeda and Anthony J. Venables

“How Useful are Quantitative Urban Models for Cities in Developing Countries?”

Most of the world’s urban population lives in cities in developing countries where data from traditional sources is often scarce. In this paper we show how quantitative urban models can be estimated in such data-scarce environments using data from Dhaka. Building on recent work estimating commuting costs using increasingly available mobile phone data together with Google travel times, we show how this data can be combined with newly available satellite data on building heights to estimate the key structural parameters of an urban model. We use the model to estimate the price of land and floor space in each ward of Dhaka, which are typically difficult to directly observe in developing country cities. To illustrate how the model can be used for policy analysis, we consider model counterfactuals of the impact of an increase in density, which we model as an increase in the floor space supply elasticity, and the construction of a new radial road.

27.06.2023 (16:15 – 17:30, UDE Duisburg Campus LC 026) - Jos van Ommeren and Zhiling Wang

“Identifying Housing Preferences in Regulated Markets: Evidence from Waiting Lists”

In many markets, goods are not allocated based on prices. A prominent example is public housing that is typically allocated based on waiting times. Using a dynamic framework, we show that these waiting times are informative on household preferences regarding the quality of public housing. We apply this framework to estimate the internal and external effects of a large-scale Dutch policy to improve public housing. By estimating unconditional quantile regressions, we show that public housing tenants have a strong preference to reside in newly-built housing units and positively value new public housing units nearby. In addition, we find that owner-occupying residents only weakly value nearby newly-built public housing. These results emphasize that the welfare benefits of improvements in public housing are likely to be strongly underestimated if effects on household residing in the regulated public housing sector are not taken into account.

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RWI – Leibniz-Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung

13.06.2023 (11:00 CET) - Dr. Claus Michelsen (Leuphana University Lüneburg)

“An Estimation and Decomposition of the Government Investment Multiplier”

20.06.2023 (11:10 – 12:10) - Alberto Marcato (Bocconi University)

“Lights and Shadows of Employer Concentration: On-the-Job Training and Wages”

21.06.2023 (14:30 – 15:30) - Prof. Dr. Gerard van den Berg (University of Groningen)

„Economic conditions at birth and later-life DNA methylation age acceleration“

27.06.2023 - Shihang Hou (University of Oxford)

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Essen Health Economics

05.06.2023 (13:00 – 14:30, Hybrid WST - C.12.09) – Volha Lazuka (University of Southern Denmark)

Social norms are likely to influence the individual's schooling and family choices at least from the teenage years onwards, with large consequences for further careers. To study the impact of changing norms across the individual's life cycle, we rely on the unique natural experiment—the introduction of sex education in primary schools in Sweden in the 1940s–50s that taught pupils about abstinence, rational choice in family planning, and becoming responsible members of a democratic society. We apply the state-of-the-art difference-in-differences method with differential treatment timing to a large variety of individual outcomes over the life cycle. We find that the reform has affected family formation, schooling, occupational attainment, and early retirement of both sexes. Additionally, for women, the reform has fostered entry into the formal labor force and increased earnings in the peak of their career. Our findings suggest that school-based sex education can activate personal responsibility for life, ensuring increased economic wellbeing and gender equality.

12.06.2023 (13:00 – 14:30, Hybrid WST - C.12.09) – Alison Cuellar (George Mason University)
“Understanding disparities in care to pregnant women post-COVID -- an exploration; a proposed study of provider networks and quality: and a brief update on US transparency data.”

19.06.2023 (13:00 – 14:30, Hybrid WST - C.12.09) – Francesco Moscone (Brunel University and Università Ca' Foscari Venezia)
“The Impact of Ecuadorian Health Reform on Public Hospital Admissions (with Giacomo Pasini and Juan A. Piedra-Pena)”

26.06.2023 (13:00 – 14:30, Hybrid WST - C.12.09) – Uta Bolt (University of Bristol)
“What is the Source of the Health Gradient? The Case of Obesity”

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Campus Duisburg – MSM Research Seminars

14.06.2023 (16:30 – 17:30, LB 338) – Yiman Sun (CERGE-EI Charles University, Prague)
“Social Choice under Gradual Learning (joint with Caroline Thomas and Takuro Yamashita)”
This paper combines dynamic mechanism design with collective experimentation. Agents are heterogeneous in that some stand to benefit from a proposed policy reform, while others are better off under the status quo policy. Each agent's private information regarding her preference type accrues only gradually over time. A principal seeks a mechanism that maximises the agents' joint welfare, while providing incentives for the agents to truthfully report their gradually acquired, private information. The first-best policy may not be incentive compatible, as uninformed agents may have an incentive to prematurely vote for a policy

instead of waiting for their private signal. Under the second-best policy, the principal can incentivise truth-telling by setting a deadline for experimentation, delaying the implementation of the policy reform, and keeping agents in the dark regarding others' reports.

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Campus Essen – Economics Seminars

14.06.2023 (12:15 – 13:45, R11 T04 C54) – Dominika Langenmayr (Catholic University Eichstätt-Ingolstadt)

“Assessing the Impacts of Robot Taxation: Robot Installations and Employment in South Korean Firms”

21.06.2023 (12:15 – 13:45, R11 T04 C54) – Laura Spierdijk (University of Twente)

“Mortality, Self-Employedness and the Regional Business Cycle: The Case of the Netherlands”

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Campus Essen – Economics Brown Bag Seminar

07.06.2023 (12:15 – 13:15, R11 T04 C54) – Nikolaos Prodromidis (UDE)

“The Effect of Strikes on Health”

28.06.2023 (12:15 – 13:15, R11 T04 C54) – David Zuchowski (RWI, UDE)

“Migration Response to an Immigration Shock: Evidence from Russia's Aggression against Ukraine”

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TU Dortmund

Joint Finance Seminar (JFS)

13.06.2023 (16:00 – 17:15, Online) - Julian Kölbel (University of St. Gallen)

“The Economic Impact of ESG Ratings”

27.06.2023 (16:00 – 17:15, Online) - Johannes Stroebe (NYU Stern)

“Biodiversity Risks”

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Economics Seminar

05.06.2023 (12:30 – 13:30, Mathetower Vogelpothsweg 87, Room M127) – Tobias Büscher
“The Impact of R&D Funding on Innovation and Firm Outcomes”

12.06.2023 (12:30 – 13:45, Mathetower Vogelpothsweg 87, Room M127) – Michael Evers
(Uni Hohenheim)
„Solving Nonlinear Expectations Models by Approximating the Stochastic Equilibrium System in Terms of First, Second and Higher Moments”

19.06.2023 (12:30 – 13:45, Mathetower Vogelpothsweg 87, Room M127) – Aitor Irastorza-Fadrique (Univ of Essex & IFS)
“Household responses to trade shocks”

26.06.2023 (12:30 – 13:45, Mathetower Vogelpothsweg 87, Room M127) – Philipp Denter
(Univ Carlos III Madrid)
“Troll Farms and Voter Disinformation (with Boris Ginzburg)”