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### Research Seminar & RTG Day

**09.07.2024 (16:15 – 17:30, Room: Altendorfer A-B02, Essen)** – Sebastian Findeisen  
(University of Konstanz)

*“Family-Friendly Workplace Policies”*

*The literature has studied the willingness to pay for family-friendly amenities, but less is known about the supply side and the incentives for firms to provide these amenities. There are two main incentives for firms to offer family-friendly workplace policies. First, such amenities may increase employee retention or reduce the duration of labor market breaks after the arrival of children. Second, if some workers are willing to pay for these amenities, firms can offer them to attract new workers.*

*Our study utilizes German matched employer-employee data combined with detailed survey panel data on firm provision of childcare to examine these motives. We find that firm-provided childcare enhances retention and shortens labor market breaks for mothers, especially for high-wage mothers. It also contributes to employment growth, disproportionately driven by firms attracting female talent. These findings can be rationalized through a stylized model of imperfect competition in the labor market, where family-friendly workplace policies are modeled as an amenity with direct production benefits.*

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### RWI – Leibniz-Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung

**08.07.2024 (11:00 CET, E-Werk or Microsoft Teams)** - Dr. Gregor Pfeifer (University of Sydney)

TOPIC TBA

**09.07.2024 (11:00 – 12:00, E-Werk or Microsoft Teams)** - Prof. Dr. Steffen Altmann (University of Duisburg-Essen)

*“The Direct and Indirect Effects of Online Job Search Advice”*

**09.07.2024 (14:00 – 15:00, Büro Berlin or Microsoft Teams)** - Jennifer M. Larson, PhD (Vanderbilt University)

*“Warming Attitudes towards Refugees: How Networks Shape Attitude Change in Rural Uganda”*

**16.07.2024 (11:00 CET, E-Werk or Microsoft Teams)** - Dr. Nicholas Reynolds (University of Essex)

*“The Broad Decline in Health and Human Capital of Americans Born after 1947”*

**30.07.2024 (11:00 CET, E-Werk or Microsoft Teams)** - Dr. Tho Pham (University of York)

TOPIC TBA

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### Essen Health Economics

**04.07.2024 (12:00 - 13:00, WST.C 12.09)** - Manasvini Singh (Carnegie Mellon University)  
TOPIC TBA

**15.07.2024 (12:00 - 13:00, WST.C 12.09)** - Nicholas Reynolds (University of Essex)  
*“The Broad Decline in Health and Human Capital of Americans Born After 1947: New Evidence of Roots in Adolescence or Earlier”*  
*I present evidence of a cross-cohort decline in the health and human capital of Americans, beginning with those born after 1947 and continuing until those born in the mid-1960s. Education, men’s wages, women’s maternal health (proxied by their infants’ birthweight), and mortality all exhibit trend breaks near the 1947 cohort, such that each outcome worsens for subsequent cohorts relative to prior trend. The decline is large enough to drive: i) educational declines in the 1960s, ii) increases in low birthweight in the 1980s, iii) mortality increases since 1999, and to contribute substantially to iv) wage stagnation since the 1970s. I also present new evidence that these unhealthy cohorts’ physical growth was already stunted in adolescence: males born in the 1960s appear to have had a later or smaller adolescent growth spurt than those born a decade earlier, and females experienced menarche later. The delayed puberty of cohorts born in the 1960s appears to be a short-term blip in a long-run trend towards earlier puberty. The results strongly suggest that these cohorts already had a hormone or nutrient deficiency of some kind in adolescence --- either due to a shock occurring during adolescence or an earlier shock which particularly affected biological processes related to puberty.*

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### University DUISBURG-ESSEN

#### Campus Duisburg – MSM Research Seminars

**03.07.2024 (12:00 – 13:00, Room LB 338)** - Axel Niemeyer (Caltech University)  
*“Optimal Allocation with Peer Information (Joint with Justus Preusser)”*  
*An object must be allocated among a group of agents. The optimal allocation depends on the agents’ private information, but each agent desires the good for themselves. There are no monetary transfers. We relax the standard assumption of independently distributed types in mechanism design, allowing for arbitrary correlation, interpreted as peer information. We study optimal dominant strategy incentive compatible (DIC) mechanisms and provide characterizations using techniques from the theory of perfect graphs. Stochastic mechanisms permit a far more flexible aggregation of peer information than deterministic mechanisms. In rich type spaces, nearly all extreme points of the set of DIC mechanisms are stochastic. Determining an optimal deterministic mechanism is NP-hard. We present simple classes of mechanisms that are approximately optimal when agents are informationally small. Applications include science funding, allocation of targeted aid, and peer selection.*

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### Campus Essen – Economics Seminars

**03.07.2024 (14:15 – 15:45, Room T03 R02 D82)** - Michel Serafinelli (University of Essex)  
*“The World’s Rust Belts: The Heterogeneous Effects of Deindustrialization on 1,993 Cities in Six Countries”*

**10.07.2024 (14:15 – 15:45, Room T03 R02 D82)** - Nathan Kettlewell (University of Technology Sydney)  
*“The heritability of economic preferences”*

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### **TU Dortmund**

#### Economics Seminar

**01.07.2024 (12:30 – 14:00, Vogelpothsweg 87, Room 127)** – Gregor Jost  
*“Overconfidence and the Gender Application Gap: An Experimental Approach”*

**08.07.2024 (12:30 – 14:00, Vogelpothsweg 87, Room 127)** – Patrick Hufschmidt  
*“Conflicts and Political Intervention: Evidence from the Anti-Open Grazing Laws in Nigeria”*

**15.07.2024 (12:30 – 14:00, Vogelpothsweg 87, Room 127)** – Marcel Vögele  
*“Demographic and Labor Market Effects of a Shock to Industrial Employment”*

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#### Joint Finance Seminar (JFS)

**09.07.2024 (16:00 – 17:15 CET, Online)** – Marcin Kacperczyk (Imperial College London)  
*“CO2 Question. Technological Progress and the Climate Crisis”*

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