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SFB/TR 15 Seminars

Munich		
Date	Speaker (Institution)	Title
October 14	Verena Utikal (FAU Erlangen- Nürnberg)	tba
October 15	Gilles Saint-Paul (Paris School of Economics)	How Darwinian should an economy be?
October 21	Takeshi Murooka (UC Berkeley)	tba
October 22	Stephen Leider (U Michigan)	tba
October 28	Matthias Lang (HU Berlin)	tba
October 29	Bertil Tungodden (NHH)	tba
November 11	Gino Gancia (University of Pompeu Fabra and CREI)	tba
December 9	Volker Nocke (Mannheim)	tba
Berlin		
Date	Speaker (Institution)	Title
14. October 2013	Karine Nyborg (University of Oslo)	tba

Conferences Organized by SFB/TR15 Members

A7 (Strausz/Wolfstetter)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Roland Strausz	coorganizes Berlin IO Day	27.09.2013

Internal Research Visits of SFB/TR 15 Members

A7 (Strausz/Wolfstetter)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Roland Strausz	visits projects C5 and C6	2930.08.2013

External Research Visits, Lectures and Seminars of SFB/TR 15 Members

A2 (Konrad)				
Name	Topic	Dates		
Kai Konrad	"Hanging Together or Being Hung Separately: The Strategic Power of Coalitions where Bargaining Occurs with Incomplete Information", Verein für Socialpolitik, Düsseldorf	September 5		
A4 (Schmidt)				
Name	Topic	Dates		
Klaus Schmidt	GEABA conference, Magdeburg, Keynote Lecture on "Behavioral Contract Theory"	25-27.09.2013		
Joachim Winter	Research Visit, Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics, University of Southern California	03.0610.06.2013		
Joachim Winter	The effects of financial literacy training: Evidence from a field experiment in German high schools", Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik, Düsseldorf	06.09.2013		
Joachim Winter	Research Visit, Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics, University of Southern California	09.0913.09.2013		
Joachim Winter	"Plan Selection in Medicare Part D: Evidence from administrative data", University of Michigan Conference on Economic Decision Making, Aspen, Colorado	20.09.2013		
A5 (Krähmer/Schweizer)				
Name	Topic	Dates		
Urs Schweizer	"Acquisition and disclosure of information as a hold-up problem", EALE 2013, Warsaw	2628.09.2013		
Daniel Krähmer	visits Yale University	October-December 2013		
B5 (Schnitzer/Eck	B5 (Schnitzer/Eckel)			
Name	Topic	Dates		
Kesternich, Iris	"Us and Them: Distributional Preferences in Small and Large Groups" (mit Michael Kosfeld, Heiner Schumacher, Joachim Winter), EEA in Göteborg	August 30, 2013		
B7 (Marin)				
Name	Topic	Dates		
Jan Schymik	presented his paper "Trade, Technologies, and the Talent Organization" at the Verein für Socialpolitik, Düsseldorf	September 6		

New Discussion Papers

B7 (Marin)		
Name	Title	Number
Alexander Tarasov, Kala Krishna	Affirmative Action: One Size Does Not Fit All Abstract: This paper identifies a new reason for giving preferences to the disadvantaged using a model of contests. There are two forces at work: the effort effect working against giving preferences and the selection effect working for them. When education is costly and easy to obtain (as in the U.S.), the selection effect dominates. When education is heavily subsidized and limited in supply (as in India), preferences are welfare reducing. The model also shows that unequal treatment of identical agents can be welfare improving, providing insights into when the counterintuitive policy of rationing educational access to some subgroups is welfare improving. Keywords: contests; educational quotas; private benefits; social welfare. JEL classification: D61, I23	407

Publications

A4 (Schmidt)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Joachim Winter (joint with Paul Ruud and Daniel Schunk)	"Uncertainty and rounding in survey responses: A laboratory experiment." <i>Experimental Economics</i> , forthcoming.	

New/Leaving Staff

A4 (Schmidt)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Gregor Zöttl	Is leaving project A4 to take up a full professor position "Professur für Volkswirtschaftslehre - Regulierung und Energiewirtschaft" at the University Nürnberg-Erlangen	October 1
Robert Ulbricht	Is leaving project A4 to take up an assistant professor position at the Toulouse School of Economics	October 1
Lisa Fey	Has joined project A4	October 1
Marco Schwarz	Has joined project A4	September 1
A8 (Rady)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Peter A. Wagner	from the University of Toronto has joined Project Area A8 on October 1.	

Visitors

A9 (Corneo)		
Name	Speaker (Institution)	Date
Corneo	Karine Nyborg (University of Oslo)	14.1028.10.2013

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