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## SEMINAR CALENDAR

### Research Seminar “Labour Economics”

Kristin J. Kleinjans, California State University, Fullerton:

*Occupational Prestige and the Gender Wage Gap*

Monday May 2

16:30-18:00

R. 0029 (VMP 5)

### Forschungsseminar “Quantitative Wirtschaftsforschung“

Stephan Bruns, Universität Kassel:

*Determinants of Economic Growth:*

*Different Time Different Answer?*

Tuesday May 3

12:15–13:45

R. 0029 (VMP 5)

### Research Seminar “Microeconomics”

- no seminar -

### PhD Seminar

- no seminar -

### HCHE Research Seminar

- no seminar -

## ABSTRACTS

### **Research Seminar “Labour Economics”**

Kristin J. Kleinjans, California State University, Fullerton:

*Occupational Prestige and the Gender Wage Gap*

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*Abstract:*

Occupational segregation by gender remains widespread and explains a significant part of the gender wage gap. We examine the explanation that heterogeneity in preferences for wages and occupational prestige leads to gender differences in occupational choices. In self-reports, women express a stronger preference than men for occupations that are more valuable to society, which we hypothesize leads women to place a relatively greater weight than men on the occupational prestige of their occupation. Using a unique data set from Denmark, we find support for this hypothesis. Gender differences are most pronounced among individuals from lower socioeconomic backgrounds.

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