## MAY 15 – MAY 19, 2017

### SEMINAR CALENDAR

**HCHE Research Seminar**  
Prof. Dr. Mikko Myrskylä, Max-Planck-Institut:  
*Age of the parents and health of the children*  
Monday May 15  
16:30-18:00  
R. 4011 (Esplanade 36)

**Forschungsseminar “Quantitative Wirtschaftsforschung“**  
Almuth Scholl, Univ. Konstanz:  
*The Impact of Bailouts and Conditionality on Political Turnover and Sovereign Default Risk*  
Tuesday May 16  
12:15–13:45  
R. 0029 (VMP 5)

**Forschungsseminar “Environmental Economics and Management“**  
David Maddison, University of Birmingham:  
*What caused the Agricultural Revolution?*  
Wednesday May 17  
12:15–13:45  
R. 0029 (VMP 5)

**Hamburg Lectures on Law & Economics**  
Prof. Dr. Peter Lewisch, University of Vienna:  
*Fair Rules for Constitutional Review? The Case of Poland*  
Wednesday May 17  
18:15–19:45  
R. 1083a (VMP 5)

**PhD Seminar**  
Benjamin Blanz, Universität Hamburg:  
*Should Bycatch be Included in the Economic Modelling of Fisheries?*  
Thursday May 18  
12:15–13:15  
R. 0029 (VMP 5)

**Research Seminar “Microeconomics”**  
Adrian Chadi, University of Trier:  
*Lies at work – On the implications of cheating for team outcomes*  
Thursday May 18  
17:15–18:45  
R. 0029 (VMP 5)

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ABSTRACTS

Forschungsseminar “Environmental Economics and Management“
David Maddison, University of Birmingham:
What caused the Agricultural Revolution?

Abstract:
Explanations of changes in agricultural TFP during the agricultural revolution typically consist of a purely narrative account. Often these accounts present a timeline of key innovations or a discussion of the achievements of great agricultural pioneers. Using data drawn from a variety of sources we estimate agricultural TFP over the period 1690-1914. Applying causality tests appropriate for analyses involving nonstationary data we show that changes in the volume of agricultural output and the cumulative number of first editions of books on agriculture precede changes in TFP. By contrast the length of the canal network, measures of private R&D and the number of parliamentary acts of enclosure do not precede changes in TFP. Our findings appear to confirm the importance to the agricultural revolution of learning-by-doing and the improved dissemination and retention of knowledge.

PhD Seminar
Benjamin Blanz, Universität Hamburg:
Should Bycatch be Included in the Economic Modelling of Fisheries?

Abstract:
Even though unintended catch, or bycatch, has been recognized as an important problem for sustainable management, it is not included in many economic models of fisheries. In this paper I seek to answer the question, if omitting bycatch in such models causes significantly different results. To this end a multi-species coupled ecosystem economy model is extended to include bycatch in harvesting. The resulting equilibria and dynamics of the model are solved analytically. This allows demonstration of the effects of bycatch not only on the ecosystem, which are comparatively well researched, but also on the economic actors harvesting and consuming fish stocks. The main results, besides replicating the finding that bycatch can increase harvesting mortality, are that even strong bycatch may have no effects on stocks and that the harvesting economy may change dramatically if discards are banned. Therefore, bycatch should indeed be taken into account in the economic modelling of fisheries. Furthermore, understanding the interrelation of bycatch and market forces is essential in designing overarching policy where economic effects, such as changing employment, need to be considered while also ensuring sustainable use of the ecosystem.
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