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SEMINAR CALENDAR

Research Seminar “Labour Economics”

Emma von Essen, Aarhus University:
Discrimination in Online Feedback - A Matter of Anonymity

Monday December 4
16:30-18:00
R. 0029 (VMP 5)

Forschungsseminar “Environmental Economics and Management“

Carsten Helm, University of Oldenburg:
*Economics of intermittent renewable energies: Efficient
diffusion and policy instruments*

Wednesday December 6
12:15–13:45
R. 0029 (VMP 5)

PhD Seminar

Lisa Hoffmann, Universität Hamburg:
*Religion and prosocial behavior - preliminary findings from
artefactual field experiments in Ghana and Tanzania*

Thursday December 7
12:15–13:15
R. 0029 (VMP 5)

HCHE Research Seminar

- no seminar -

Forschungsseminar “Quantitative Wirtschaftsforschung“

- no seminar -

Hamburg Lectures on Law & Economics

- no seminar -

Research Seminar “Microeconomics”

- no seminar -

ABSTRACTS

PhD Seminar

Lisa Hoffmann, Universität Hamburg:

Religion and prosocial behavior - preliminary findings from artefactual field experiments in Ghana and Tanzania

Abstract:

More than 80% of our world population consider themselves as religious (Pew Research Center 2012). Even though religious ideas and practices differ to a great extent, one common factor among religions lies in the belief in an omniscient supernatural being – one or several Gods – as punishing and rewarding the behavior of humans on earth. Religion shapes social norms and values by providing a code of conduct to societies and may therefore largely influence social capital. But how exactly does religion affect social capital? In this paper, we focus on the role of specific religious ideas on inter-group discrimination. We conducted artefactual field experiments (dictator game and prisoners' dilemma) in Accra and Dar Es Salaam to test (1) how specific religious ideas affect prosocial behavior, and (2) to what extent prosocial behavior points toward members of the same group and members of other religious groups.

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