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SEMINAR CALENDAR

HCHE Research Seminar

[Dr. Jan Boehnke, University of Dundee:](#)

*Health-related Quality of Life & Health Economic Aspects of the
Evaluation of Mental Health Care*

Monday June 20

16:30-18:00

Der Vortrag wird online stattfinden. Zur Teilnahme nutzen Sie bitte folgenden Link:

<https://uni-hamburg.zoom.us/j/67298745589?pwd=ZDJVN0JyV3lRZUV6VzJYaTFUd1RjQT09>

Quantitative Economics

[Stefania Villa, Banca d'Italia:](#)

Firm risk shocks and the banking accelerator

Tuesday June 21

12:15–13:30

The seminar is held in a digital format. For participation via Zoom please register via the following link:

<https://uni-hamburg.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYvc-itqzgpHNVhBUWXWPX6bv3WwEHioDq5>

Hamburg Lectures in Law and Economics

[Christian Bjørnskov, University of Aarhus:](#)

Coups and Constitutional Change

Wednesday June 22

18:15–19:45

R. 110, Johnsallee 35

This seminar will also be live streamed. To register for **Online participation** via Zoom please click the following link and fill in the necessary information: <https://forms.office.com/r/2xKLpqVJKR>
You will then receive an Email with the access link prior to the lecture.

Microeconomics Seminar

[Michael König, VU Amsterdam:](#)

Endogenous Technology Spillovers in R&D Collaboration Networks

Thursday June 23

17:15–18:45

The seminar will be held online and can be followed by Zoom through the following link:

<https://uni-hamburg.zoom.us/j/97265167811?pwd=WW05UmowdzZlV1lQVCswcm45Y0Nhcz09>

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ABSTRACTS

Hamburg Lectures in Law and Economics

Christian Bjørnskov, University of Aarhus:

Coups and Constitutional Change

Abstract:

Successful coup plotters come to power by disregarding the constraints of their country's constitution. Yet, 42% of them initiate the writing of a new constitution within three years after their coup. In this paper, we ask under which conditions coup-plotters are particularly likely to instigate a new constitution, whether coups staged by members of the military lead to constitutions different from those instigated by civilian plotters, and in what sense these constitutions can be distinguished from those that have emerged out of other contexts. To do so, we introduce five measures of constitutional characteristics that specifically relate to the allocation of political power. We find that military coup plotters are particularly likely to draw on constitutional assemblies in order to produce new constitutions and that constitutions created in the aftermath of a coup are particularly difficult to amend. Individual traits of the coup plotters, such as their (military or civil) rank or their age, are not significantly associated with the structure of the new constitutions. We also show that in most ways, constitutions written by coup plotters are similar to those of other autocracies except that they include more paragraphs without being longer. We argue that our findings can inform the ongoing debate about the characteristics of autocratic regime transitions and democratisation.

Microeconomics Seminar

Michael König, VU Amsterdam:

Endogenous Technology Spillovers in R&D Collaboration Networks

Abstract:

We introduce a stochastic R&D network formation model where firms choose both R&D efforts and their collaboration partners. Neighbors in the network benefit from each other's effort levels through local technology spillovers, and there exists a global competition effect reflecting a strategic substitutability in efforts. We provide a complete equilibrium characterization in the form of a Gibbs measure, and show that the model is consistent with empirically observed R&D networks. We then use our equilibrium characterization to show that the model can be conveniently estimated even for large networks. The policy relevance is demonstrated with the analysis of subsidies to R&D collaboration costs.

ACTIVITIES OF DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

Miscellaneous

- **Visiting scientist at the department of economics**

Prof. Hong Hwang from the National Taiwan University (NTU) will visit our department throughout the month of July (host: Gerd Muehlheusser) as part of the strategic partnership between the UHH and the NTU. His research areas are in applied micro, in particular IO and trade. Whoever wants to meet with him can contact him directly via email (echong@ntu.edu.tw) or drop by his office (VMP 5, R. 2004).

*The next EconNewsletter will be published on **Monday, June 27, 2022.***

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