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SEMINAR CALENDAR

Quantitative Economics

[Johannes Wohlfahrt, University of Copenhagen:](#)

Tuesday April 12

Narratives About the Macroeconomy

12:15–13:30

This seminar will be 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

[Kevin Davis, NYU School of Law:](#)

Wednesday April 13

Legal Disagreement

18:15–19:45

This lecture will be held in a hybrid format. To register for **Online participation** via Zoom please click the following link and fill in the necessary information: <https://forms.office.com/r/1QeUGSTtDn>. You will then receive an Email with the access link prior to the lecture.

To register for **In-person participation** at the Institute of Law and Economics click the following link and fill in the necessary information: <https://forms.office.com/r/NnRCRbrXP4>. You will then receive information on the exact location of the lecture.

ABSTRACTS

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Kevin Davis, NYU School of Law:

Legal Disagreement

Abstract:

Perception-based measures of legal institutions generally ignore variation in perceptions across individuals within the same jurisdiction, a phenomenon we call legal disagreement. This article defines the concept of legal disagreement, identifies its potential causes and consequences, and shows that it can and ought to be measured using data from cross-country surveys. We argue that legal disagreement is likely to be caused by differences in the knowledge bases that individuals use to form beliefs about the legal system, or put simply, differences in perspectives. We also suggest that understanding why individuals have different perspectives on legal systems is valuable for several reasons, particularly when the perspectives vary systematically across demographic categories. We use data from World Justice Project population surveys to create quantitative measures of legal disagreement for 128 countries or jurisdictions. We identify correlations between legal disagreement and measures of its potential causes and consequences, such as perceptions of discrimination and ethnic fractionalization.

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