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SEMINAR CALENDAR

HCHE Research Seminar

[Lars Schwettmann, Universität Oldenburg:](#)

Risk attitudes and adherence: new evidence from Cohort Studies

Monday June 5

16:30-18:00

Esplanade 36, R. 4011/13

Hamburg Lectures in Law and Economics

[Matthieu Chemin, McGill University:](#)

Courting Prosperity: How Kenya's Legal Infrastructure Boom

Unlocked Economic Potential

Wednesday June 7

18:15–19:45

R. 110 (Johnsallee 35)

This seminar is held in a hybrid format. To register for **Online participation** via Zoom please click the following link and fill in the necessary information: <https://ile-hamburg.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a3a598540658d2c2aadfae5b6&id=ee0daf9e3c&e=3446e273d6> or send an email to yasmin.seyrafian@ile-hamburg.de. You will then receive an Email with the access link prior to the lecture.

Microeconomics Seminar

[Maja Adena, WZB Berlin:](#)

TBA

Thursday June 8

17:15–18:45

R. 0079 (VMP 5)

ABSTRACTS

Hamburg Lectures in Law and Economics

Mathieu Chemin, McGill University

Courting Prosperity: How Kenya's Legal Infrastructure Boom Unlocked Economic Potential

Abstract:

The role of a robust legal system in promoting investment and economic growth is well established. Starting in 2012, the Kenyan government embarked on one of the largest court construction programs on record. Leveraging exogenous delays in construction (due to weather, ground conditions, contractor delays, and fund disbursement), our findings reveal a significant increase in court usage, particularly for civil, commercial, succession, and property cases, following the establishment of these courts. Consequently, firms in contract-intensive sectors demonstrate increased investment, underlining the vital link between physical court infrastructure and economic development.

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