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HCHE Research Seminar

[Samantha Pollard, Simon Fraser University:](#)

*Navigating Uncertainty in Precision Oncology: Patient Preference
Integration*

Monday April 14
16:30-17:45
Esplanade 36, R. 4011/13

Quantitative Economics

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Inflation Surprises and Election Outcomes

Tuesday April 15
12:15–13:30
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Microeconomics

[Armin Schmutzler, Universität Zurich:](#)

Providing Innovation Incentives for the Green Transition

Thursday April 17
17:15–18:45
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ABSTRACTS

HCHE Research Seminar

Samantha Pollard, Simon Fraser University:

Navigating Uncertainty in Precision Oncology: Patient Preference Integration

Abstract:

Samantha Pollard will discuss the important role of patient integration into the evidence base informing reimbursement and uptake decisions related to precision oncology. Using a case study approach, she will highlight the ongoing need to meaningfully engage patients in the evaluation of precision oncology health technologies to ensure responsible and sustainable resource allocation.

Quantitative Economics

Jonathan Federle, IfW Kiel:

Inflation Surprises and Election Outcomes

Abstract:

We study the political consequences of inflation surprises, focusing on votes for extremist and populist parties in 365 elections in 18 advanced economies since 1948. Inflation surprises are regularly followed by a substantial increase in vote shares of extremist, anti-system, and populist parties. An inflation surprise of 10 percentage points leads to a 15% increase in their vote share, comparable to the increase typically seen after financial crises. We show that the change in voting behavior is particularly pronounced when real wages decline, and less evident when real wages are not affected. Our paper points to considerable political after-effects of unexpected inflation.

Microeconomics

Armin Schmutzler, Universität Zurich:

Providing Innovation Incentives for the Green Transition

Abstract:

By affecting prices and thereby market shares of green and brown firms, product innovations and process innovations influence industry emissions even when they do not directly affect the emission intensity of the innovating firm. Using a differentiated two-stage duopoly, this paper therefore analyzes the effects of environmental policy on such innovations, and it asks how these effects differ from each other and from those of environmental innovations that directly reduce the emission intensity. The paper investigates the determinants of R&D investments, showing in particular that incentives for certain types of potentially beneficial innovations may be negative. Moreover, it analyzes how suitable policies can foster green innovation.

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