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SEMINAR CALENDAR

HCHE Research Seminar

[Martin Halla, Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien:](#)

Werther at Work: Intra-firm Spillovers of Suicides

Monday April 28

16:30-17:45

Esplanade 36, R. 4011/13

Quantitative Economics

[Mykola Ryzhenkov, University of Osnabrück:](#)

Financial Frictions, Markups, and Unilateral Trade Liberalization

Tuesday April 29

12:15–13:30

R. 0079 (VMP 5)

ABSTRACTS

HCHE Research Seminar

Martin Halla, Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien:

Werther at Work: Intra-firm Spillovers of Suicides

Abstract:

Suicide is a leading cause of death worldwide and a critical public health concern. We examine the hypothesis of suicide contagion within in the workplace, investigating whether exposure to a coworker's suicide increases an individual's suicide risk.

Quantitative Economics

Mykola Ryzhenkov, University of Osnabrück:

Financial Frictions, Markups, and Unilateral Trade Liberalization

Abstract:

We study a response of a small open economy with credit constraints and variable markups to unilateral trade liberalization by a more developed trading partner. We use a dynamic heterogeneous agents model based on Kohn et al. (2020) to quantify the welfare and allocative efficiency effects of enacting Autonomous Trade Preferences by the EU countries for Ukraine in 2014 year. To obtain a better match with the data, we allow for variable markups in the domestic market, endogenous trade imbalances, and interest rate increasing with the level of foreign debt. We find that better market access improves welfare but lowers allocative efficiency in the economy, as reduction in markup dispersion is too weak to offset increase in capital misallocation. Variable markups exacerbate worsening allocative efficiency in the presence of credit constraints.

ACTIVITIES OF DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

Miscellaneous

- We welcome Professors Agnieszka Rusinowska und Michel Grabisch (both at Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, and Paris School of Economics) who will visit the department in the week from May 5 to 9. Agnieszka will teach a PhD course "Social Networks and Opinion Dynamics", and Michel will present in the Micro seminar on May 8. Whoever wants to meet with them, please get directly in touch (Agnieszka.Rusinowska@univ-paris1.fr and michel.grabisch@univ-paris1.fr).

The next EconNewsletter will be published on Monday, May 5, 2025.

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