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SFB/TR 15 Seminars

Berlin		
Date	Speaker (Institution)	Title
December 5	Marc Möller, Madrid Carlos III	"Choosing Where to Compete - Theory and Evidence (joint with Ghazala Azmat)"
December 13	Mark Thordal-Le Quement , Bonn University	"Persuasion and rhetorical moderateness"
January 3	Daniel Krähmer, Bonn University	"Optimal Auction Design with Endogenously Correlated Buyer Types"
January 10	Konrad Stahl, Mannheim University	"Ownership and Control in a competitive Industry"
January 17	Robert Evans, Cambridge University	"Bilateral Trading and Renegotiation (joint with Sönje Reiche)"
January 24	Mikhail Drugov, Madrid Carlos III	"Intra-Firm Bargaining and Learning in a Market Equilibrium"
January 31	David Myatt, University of Oxford	"On the Rational Choice Theory of Voter Turnout"
Bonn		
January 11	Liliane Karlinger, University of Vienna	"Retail Competition and Upstream Market Power under Sequential Entry"
January 13	Andrea Ichino, University of Bologna	"Don't spread yourself too thin. The Impact of task juggling on workers' speed of job completion"
January 18	Özgür Güererk, University of Erfurt	"Voting with Feet – Community Choice in Social Dilemmas"
January 27	Sergiu Hart, Hebrew University of Jerusalem	"Comparing Risks by Acceptance and Rejection"

Mannheim		
Date	Speaker (Institution)	Title
December 7	Oleksandr Shcherbakov, University of Mannheim	"Dynamic Response to Environmental Regulation in the Electricity Industry"
January 10	Konrad Stahl, University of Mannheim	"Ownership and control in a Competitive Market"
Munich		
Date	Speaker (Institution)	Title
February 1	Brandts, U., Autònoma de Barcelona	"The Emergence of Social Structure: Employer Information Networks in an Experimental Labor Market"
February 7	Michelle Goeree, University of Zurich	"Do Research Joint Ventures Serve a Collusive Function?"
February 8	Jacob Goeree, University of Zurich	"Communication & Competition"
March 22	Sendhil Mullainathan, Harvard University	"tba"

External Research Visits, Lectures and Seminars of SFB/TR 15 Members

A2 (Konrad)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Kai A. Konrad	Brothers in Arms - An Experiment on the Alliance Puzzle, DIW Berlin, Germany	January 19 - 20
A4 (Rady/Schmidt)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Klaus Schmidt	You Owe Me, ASSA Meetings, Denver, USA	January 9
Joachim Winter	Schaeffer Center for Health and Public Policy, University of Southern California (USA)	February 18 - March 8

B3 (Hellwig)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Philipp Weinschenk	Harvard University (USA)	January 9 - May 31
B5 (Marin/Schnitzer)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Iris Kesternich	„Pain, Precautions and Present-Biased Preferences in Health Insurance Markets“, Volkswirtschaftliches Seminar, Universität Augsburg	November 8, 2010
Katrin Peters (joint with Monika Schnitzer)	„Trade liberalization and credit constraints: Why „opening up“ may fail to promote technology adoption“, 4. Research Conference International Economics, Forschungsschwerpunkt Internationale Wirtschaft (FIW) des Österreichischen Wirtschaftsforschungsinstituts, Vienna, Austria (The paper won the Best Conference Paper Award 2010)	December 10, 2010
Monika Schnitzer (joint with Yuriy Gorodnichenko)	Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, Denver, Colorado, USA (talk: "Financial Constraints and Innovation: Why Poor Countries Don't Catch Up")	January 6 – 9
B6 (Maug)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Ernst Maug	School of Economics University College Dublin, IRL (talk: "Indexing Executive Compensation Contracts")	November 5, 2010
Ernst Maug	London School of Economics, UK (talk: "Indexing Executive Compensation Contracts")	November 24, 2010
Ernst Maug	London Business School, UK (talk: "Indexing Executive Compensation Contracts")	November 25, 2010

C2 (Harhoff/Stahl)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Georg von Graevenitz	Incidence and Growth of Patent Thickets - The Impact of Technological Opportunities and Complexity, Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, UK	April 18 - 20
C5 (Kamecke/Röller)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Volker Nocke	Merger Policy with Merger Choice, Michigan State University, USA	December 6
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Volker Nocke	Roy-Seminar series, Paris School of Economics, France (talk: "Merger Policy with Merger Choice")	January 31
Volker Nocke	Northwestern University (USA), Host: Michael D. Whinston	February 5 - 12
Volker Nocke	Industrieökonomischer Ausschuss des Vereins für Socialpolitik, Vienna, Austria (talk: "Merger Policy with Merger Choice")	February 24 - 25
C6 (Peitz/Stahl)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Konrad Stahl	University of Zurich (Switzerland), Host: Armin Schmutzler	December 5-8
Konrad Stahl	Ownership and Control in Vertically Related Firms, INRA, Paris, France	January 3-4
Konrad Stahl	Topic: Ownership and control in a Competitive Market, HU and ESMT, Berlin	January 4-11
Konrad Stahl	Who should pay for Certification?, University of Dortmund	January 24-25
Konrad Stahl	Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium), Host: Patrick Legros and Georg Gebhardt	February 23-26

New Discussion Papers

A5 (Schweizer)		
Name	Title	Number
Jun Zhou	<p>“Determinants of Noneconomic Damages in Medical Malpractice Settlements and Litigations: Evidence from Texas since 1988”</p> <p>Abstract: There have long been claims that compensations for noneconomic damages are random because tort law does not provide clear guidance regarding these compensations. I investigate, in both settled and tried medical malpractice cases, whether noneconomic damage payments are arbitrary and what determines the probability and size of these payments. I find that payments for noneconomic damages are not completely random. They vary, in predictable ways, with observable characteristics of the case. The data suggest similar patterns in non-medical malpractice cases. I end by discussing the implications of my findings for the debate on the efficiency and rationale of noneconomic damage compensation.</p> <p>JEL-classification: K13, K32, K41</p>	348

Internal Research Visits of SFB/TR 15 Members

C2 (Harhoff/Stahl)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Dietmar Harhoff	project visited: C6	December 14 - 16

Publications

C2 (Harhoff/Stahl)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Georg von Graevenitz (joint with Stefan Wagner (C2), Dietmar Harhoff (C2))	"How to measure patent thickets - A novel approach" Economics Letters, forthcoming, Kind of outlet: Scientific journals	

Visitors

B3 (Hellwig)		
Name	Speaker (Institution)	Date
Davide Cantoni	Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona (Spain)	January 10 - March 31

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