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SFB/TR 15 Seminars

Bonn		
Date	Speaker (Institution)	Title
May 2	Bettina Klaus, University of Lausanne	"Paths to Stability in the Assignment Problem"
May 9	Friederike Mengel, Maastricht University	"Learning by (limited) forward looking Players"
May 16	Utku Unver, Boston College	"A Theory of School-Choice Lotteries"
May 22	Ioannis Lianos, University College London	"Market Dominance and Quality of Search Results in the Search Engine Market: Analysis of Exploitative and Exclusionary Abuses"
June 6	Tilman Börgers, University of Michigan	"Robust Mechanism Design and Dominant Strategy Voting Rules"
June 12	Patrick Leyens, Universität Hamburg	"Corporate Governance: International Research, Market-Based Approaches and Regulatory Challenges"
June 13	Bard Harstad, Ragnar Frisch Centre for Economic Research	"The Market for Conservation and Other Hostages"
June 19	Eric Talley, Berkeley	"Law, Economics, and the Burden(s) of Proof in Litigation"
June 26	Alan Schwartz, Yale University	"Contracting About Private Benefits of Control"
June 27	Eddi Dekel, Tel Aviv University	"Optimal Allocation with Costly Verification"
Berlin		
Date	Speaker (Institution)	Title
July 2	Matthias Lang (MPI Bonn)	The Fog of Fraud
Munich		
Date	Speaker (Institution)	Title
July 9	Wanda Mimra (ETH)	"Profitable contract menus in competitive insurance markets with adverse selection"
July 10	Ngo van Long (McGill)	"Resource Extraction and Border Tax Adjustment in General Equilibrium"
July 17	Frank Smets (ECB)	tba

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

A2 (Konrad)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Ke, Changxia	Are 'Rockets and Feathers' Caused by Search or Informational Frictions?, Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics (DICE), University of Düsseldorf	May 15/16
Konrad, Kai A.	Brothers in Arms: An experiment on the Alliance Puzzle, Erasmus School of Economics, Rotterdam	June 13/15
Konrad, Kai A.	Evolutionarily stable in-group favoritism and out-group spite in intergroup conflict, 12th Jan Tinbergen Conference, Network of European Peace Scientists	June 25
A4 (Schmidt)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Joachim Winter	"The effects of World War II on economic and health outcomes across Europe" (joint with Iris Kesternich, Bettina Siflinger, and James Smith), Koc University, Istanbul	May 16
Joachim Winter	"The effects of World War II on economic and health outcomes across Europe" (joint with Iris Kesternich, Bettina Siflinger, and James Smith), Universität Marburg	May 30
Joachim Winter	"Plan selection in Medicare Part D: Evidence from administrative data" (joint with Florian Heiss, Adam Leive, and Daniel McFadden), Tilburg University	June 8
A8 (Rady)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Sven Rady	Strategic Experimentation (Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea)	June 25-29
B4 (Kräkel)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Matthias Kräkel	Bad Mergers Revisited - An Incentive Perspective, University of Regensburg, Regensburg	July 2
B5 (Schnitzer)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Monika Schnitzer	„Forschung und Innovation 2012: Herausforderungen und Perspektiven für Deutschland“, IAW, Deutsche Bundesbank Stuttgart	June 21

B7 (Marin)

Name	Topic	Dates
Dalia Marin	“The Theory of the Firm goes global” – Conference “Globalization, Organization and the Ownership of Firms”, Stockholm	June 15

New Discussion Papers**A4 (Schmidt)**

Name	Title	Number
Björn Bartling Ernst Fehr Klaus M. Schmidt	<p>Abstract: In Bartling, Fehr and Schmidt (2012) we show theoretically and experimentally that it is optimal to grant discretion to workers if (i) discretion increases productivity, (ii) workers can be screened by past performance, (iii) some workers reciprocate high wages with high effort and (iv) employers pay high wages leaving rents to their workers. In this paper we show experimentally that the productivity increase due to discretion is not only sufficient but also necessary for the optimality of granting discretion to workers. Furthermore, we report representative survey evidence on the impact of discretion on workers' welfare, confirming that workers earn rents.</p> <p>Keywords: high-performance work systems, wages, discretion, gift exchange, job satisfaction. JEL: M5, J3</p>	383
Joachim Winter	<p>Plan Selection in Medicare Part D: Evidence from Administrative Data, with Florian Heiss, Adam Leive, Daniel McFadden</p> <p>NBER Working Paper No. 18166</p>	384

Publications**A2 (Konrad)**

Name	Topic	Dates
Morath, Florian and Münster, Johannes	Information acquisition in conflicts, Economic Theory	forthcoming
Morath, Florian	Volunteering and the strategic value of ignorance, Social Choice and Welfare	forthcoming

Miscellaneous

A1 (Bester/Tröger)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Helmut Bester, Claudia Salim	15th Conference of the SFB/TR 15 in Berlin, Nov 21-23, 2012 For more information, see the invitation and call for papers: www.sfbtr15.de/fileadmin/user_upload/redaktion/events/SFB_meetings/SFB-Tagung-Berlin-2012.pdf	Deadline: August 31
A4 (Schmidt)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Johannes Maier	Johannes Maier completed his PhD on February 8, 2012. For his dissertation entitled "Behavior under Risk and in Social Dilemmas: Theoretical and Experimental Approaches", he was awarded the VAC prize for the best dissertation in 2012.	

New/Leaving Staff

A7 (Strausz/Wolfstetter)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Dirk Hofmann	is leaving project A7	June 1
B5 (Eckel)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Lisandra Flach	New Employee and SFB TR 15 member	June 1
C5 (Nocke)		
Name	Topic	Dates
Jan-Peter Siedlarek	Joining	September 1

Visitors

B5 (Schnitzer/Eckel)		
Name	Speaker (Institution)	Date
Florian Mayneris (Université catholique de Louvain)	"Trade in quality and income distribution: an analysis of the enlarged EU market" (Munich International Economics Seminar)	July 9
Anna Watson (University of Cambridge)	Munich International Economics Seminar	July 9
Matthias Hunold (Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW) in Mannheim and MaCCi)	"Backwards Integration and Strategic Delegation" (IO and Trade Seminar)	July 10

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