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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you.

SFB/TR 15 Seminars

Concerning the actual time and locations at the nodes please consult the link in <http://www.gesy.uni-mannheim.de/seminarlink.php>

Berlin

January

7	Monika Schnitzer (Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich)	tba
14	Dietmar Fehr (HU Berlin)	Trust in the Slum: Evidence from Cairo Slums
14	Bruno Cassiman (IESE Business School, University of Navarra)	tba
21	Ronnie Schöb (Free University Berlin)	Subsidizing Extra Jobs: Promoting Employ- ment by Taming the Unions
21	T. J. S. Offerman (University of Amsterdam)	tba
28	Guntram Wolff (Deutsche Bundesbank)	tba
28	Pascal Courty (European University Institute)	tba

Bonn

November 2007

28	Anja Schöttner (University of Bonn)	Technology Adoption under Organizational Diseconomies of Scale
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December 2007

20	Hendrik Hakenes (MPI Bonn)	Credit Risk Transfer in Banking Markets with Hard and Soft Information
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January

16	Susanne Ohlendorf (University of Bonn)	Expectation Damages, Divisible Contracts and Bilateral Investment
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Munich**January**

7	Adam Szeidl (Berkeley)	Imports and Productivity
8	Christoph Buchheim (University of Mannheim)	The Economic Development of Germany in the Third Reich: A Comparison with the Post WW-II Period
15	Bob Allen (University of Oxford)	tba
21	Lars Siemers (RWI Essen)	tba
22	Arthur van Soest (Tilburg University)	tba
28	Stefan Behringer (University of Frankfurt)	tba
29	Jaume Ventura (University Pompeu Fabra)	tba

Visitors**B3 (Hellwig)**

Ralph Ossa, Princeton, A "New Trade" Theory of GATT/WTO Negotiations, Nov 7-8, 2007.

Alia Gizatulina, University of Mannheim, Dec 1 , 2007-Feb 28, 2008.

**External Research Visits, Lectures and Seminars
of SFB/TR 15 Members****A2 (Konrad)**

Kai A. Konrad, Symposium „Neuordnung der föderalen Finanzbeziehungen“, Institute for Monetary and Financial Stability, Frankfurt, Verschuldungsautonomie und Schuldenselbstverantwortung: Ein Weg zur wirksamen Verschuldungsbegrenzung der Länder, Oct 26, 2007.

Kai A. Konrad, European University Institute, Florence, Mobile Tax Base as a Global Common, Nov 8, 2007.

Kai A. Konrad, BRUEGEL, Brussels, Mobile Tax Base as a Global Common, Nov 15, 2007.

Kai A. Konrad, Conference „Föderalismuskommission II: Neuordnung von Autonomie und Verantwortung“, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, Überlegungen zu einem Investitionskriterium zur Schuldenbegrenzung, Nov 22, 2007.

Kai A. Konrad, Forscher und Journalisten im Dialog, Frankfurt, Die Zukunft des fiskalischen Wettbewerbs der Wohlfahrtsstaaten Europas, Nov 23, 2007.

Kai A. Konrad, csge Midpoint Events, Anglo-German Foundation, Berlin, Love and Taxes, Nov 30, 2007.

Kai A. Konrad, Munich Centre on Governance, Communication, Public Policy and Law, Munich, Föderalismus und Governance, Dec 7, 2007.

Kai A. Konrad, Meeting on Polarization and Conflict, Palma de Mallorca, Self-enforcing norms and efficient non-cooperative collective action in the provision of public goods, Dec 10, 2007.

A4 (Rady/Schmidt)

Sven Rady, visits the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Jan 14-Mar 31, 2008.

Klaus Schmidt, University of Vienna, Reputation and Contract Design, Jan 10, 2008.

B3 (Hellwig)

Felix Bierbrauer, University of Zürich, Optimal Income Taxation and Public Good Provision with Endogenous Interest Groups, Nov 22, 2007.

Felix Bierbrauer, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Public Good Provision in a Large Economy, Nov 5, 2007.

B4 (Kräkel)

Oliver Gürtler, Research Seminar, University of Cologne, Delegation of Monitoring to a Supervisor Favoring the Agent, Dec 4, 2007.

Oliver Gürtler, VIII. Symposium zur ökonomischen Analyse der Unternehmung, University of Tübingen, On Sabotage in Collective Tournaments, Sep 19-21, 2007.

Oliver Gürtler, Young Researchers Workshop on „Contests and Tournaments“, WZB Berlin, Double-Sided Moral Hazard, Efficiency Wages and Litigation, Nov 16-17, 2007.

Oliver Gürtler, Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik, LMU Munich, Haggling for Rents, Relational Contracts and the Theory of the Firm, Oct 11, 2007.

C2 (Harhoff/Stahl)

Dietmar Harhoff, RIETI Policy Symposium on Innovation Process and Performance: Findings and lessons from inventors surveys in Japan, the U.S. and Europe, Tokyo, Determinants of the Value of Patents, Jan 12, 2008.

Dietmar Harhoff, "The Creation of Economic and Corporate Wealth in a Dynamic Economy," joint ECB, Banque de France and The Conference Board Conference, discussant of John van Reenen, Frankfurt am Main, The Business Environment: Does Management Matter?, Jan 16, 2008.

Georg von Graevenitz, AEA, ASSA Meetings, Session on Semiconductors, New Orleans, How Licensing Resolves Hold-up: Evidence from the Semiconductor Industry, Jan 5, 2008.

Ralph Siebert, AEA, ASSA Meetings, Session on Semiconductors, New Orleans, How Licensing Resolves Hold-up: Evidence from the Semiconductor Industry, Jan 5, 2008.

C3 (Illing/Rees)

Gerhard Illing, ECB, Frankfurt am Main, Liquidity Shortages and Monetary Policy (joint work with Jin Cao), Dec 3, 2007.

New Discussion Papers

B5 (Marin/Schnitzer)

Christa Hainz, Hendrik Hakenes: The Politician and his Banker. SFB/TR 15 Discussion Paper No. 222

Abstract: Should the European Union grant state aid through an institution like the European Investment bank? This paper evaluates the efficiency of different measures for granting state aid. We use a theoretical model with firms that differ in their creditworthiness and compare different types of subsidies with indirect subsidization through public banks. We find that, in a large parameter range, the politician prefers public banks to direct subsidies because they avoid windfall gains to entrepreneurs and they economize on screening costs. For similar reasons, they may increase social welfare relative to subsidies. One important prerequisite for this result is that public banks must not be allowed to fully compete with private banks. However, from a welfare perspective, a politician uses public banks inefficiently often.

Keywords: public bank, development bank, state aid, subsidies, governance

JEL classification: G21, G38, H25

Publications

B4 (Kräkel)

Matthias Kräkel (2008), On the Adverse Selection of Technologies, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, forthcoming.

New/Leaving Staff

B3 (Hellwig)

Jos Jansen is joining project B3, GA, full time, Oct 1, 2007.

C5 (Röller)

Ulrich Kamecke, Institute of Competition Policy at the Humboldt University Berlin will join project C5 as Project Leader (together with Lars-Hendrik Röller), Jan 1, 2008.