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Preface

Dear members of the economics department,

We are delighted to present to you the second newsletter of our institute! Following the successful launch of our newsletter last semester, the new newsletter once again provides insights into the events and developments at the Institute of Economics at Freie Universität Berlin. The focus is on a retrospective of events from the past summer semester as well as an outlook on upcoming dates and events.

We would like to express our special thanks once again to all the dedicated individuals who contributed to shaping this newsletter. A heartfelt thank you goes to Anna Bievetski and Kerstin Brunke, who laid the foundation for this newsletter with their hard work and dedication. We would also like to thank the developers of GhatGPT, which was used to translate the German version of the newsletter into the English one.

We encourage you to send us your feedback at econnl@wiwiss.fu-berlin.de. What did you like? What can we improve? What topics or information do you miss in our newsletter?

The success of our newsletter depends significantly on the support and commitment of our members. If you are interested in contributing or providing information for future issues, please feel free to contact us. Together, we can ensure that our newsletter remains a valuable source of information for the entire institute community.

We hope you enjoy reading the second newsletter (and the first newsletter in English)!

All the best,

Jan Marcus and Peter Mohr

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Persons

New staff



Winnie Coleman has been working as a research assistant at the Chair of Econometrics since September 1, 2023. She has previously worked as a tutor at the same chair during her Bachelor's and Master's studies. Her research interests include macroeconomics, monetary policy, and time series econometrics.

Nathalie de la Cruz Aquino has been working as a research assistant at the Chair of Latin American Economics since October 1, 2023. After working for four years in the social and public sectors in the Dominican Republic, she came to Berlin to complete a Master's degree in International and Development Economics at HTW Berlin. Her research interests include education economics and social inequality in Latin America.



Aleksey Oshchepkov has been a guest researcher as a Humboldt Fellow at the Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Gender since April 2023. His research focuses on labor and regional economics, applied (micro-) econometrics, as well as selected topics in political economy and social and economic psychology.

Dominika Erdmann has been working as a team assistant at the Chair of Macroeconomics since October. She completed her diploma in business administration in 2005 at J. W. Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main. During her studies, she has also worked there as a tutor for microeconomics. After her 7-year tenure in the sales department of the marketing agency UGW AG in Wiesbaden, she moved to Berlin in 2012 to work in the energy sector, where she spent 3 years in sales control. Since 2015, she has been working as an Executive Management Assistant at the cable network operator Tele Columbus AG and is now starting at FU.





Marc Schalberger has been working as a research assistant at the Chair of Applied Statistics since July 2023. He completed his Master's degree in Statistics & Data Science in 2023 at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München. During his studies, he worked as a research assistant at the Geschwister-Scholl-Institut für Politikwissenschaft. His research interests are particularly focused on network analysis.

Nicolas Syrichas joined the macro team as a postdoctoral researcher in October. Nicolas received his doctorate from Goethe University Frankfurt and a master's degree from University College London (UCL) and Toulouse School of Economics (TSE). His research largely focuses on macroeconomic issues, which he explores using a combination of quantitative models and novel, large-scale microdata sets (Big Data). Prior to joining Goethe University, he worked as an economist at the European Central Bank (ECB) and as an external consultant at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).



Ulrich Schneider started his position at the Chairs of Applied Statistics (Prof. Dr. Jan Marcus) and Econometrics (Prof. Dr. Dieter Nautz) on October 1st. In 2019, he completed his doctoral studies at the Free University of Berlin and DIW Berlin under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Peter Haan and Prof. Sir Richard Blundell, PhD. Following his doctoral studies, he worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands, and later at the Chairs of International Fiscal Policy (Prof. Dr. Ronnie Schöb) and Public Finance (Prof. Dr. Dr. Giacomo Corneo) at the Free University of Berlin. Starting from the winter semester of 2023/24, Dr. Schneider will be responsible for coordinating the Bachelor program in Economics, and he is expected to take over the coordination of the Master's programs in Economics and Public Economics in the winter semester of 2024/25. His research interests primarily focus on lifecycle models, their identification, and the career implications associated with family formation.

Pranvera Shehaj is joining as a postdoctoral researcher at the Chair of International Public Finance. She obtained her PhD in International Business Taxation from the Vienna University of Economics and Business. She was a doctoral student at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law in Vienna and at the International Centre for Tax and Development in the United Kingdom. Her research interests include public finance, international economics, public economics, development economics, and international tax law. In her first semester, she will conduct a master seminar on the topic "Research Topics on International Business Taxation." Additionally, she will give a presentation at our Research Seminar on November 23rd.



Awards

Nicolas Frink (Chair of Applied Statistics) has been awarded funding for the course Causal Machine Learning as part of the "Hybrid Teaching Network" project.

Sebastian Garcia Torres has been awarded the DAAD Prize for Outstanding International Students in 2023. The DAAD Prize is given to international students and doctoral candidates who have distinguished themselves through exceptional academic achievements as well as outstanding social or intercultural engagement. Sebastian Garcia Torres completed his Bachelor's degree in Economics at the Free University of Berlin. In addition to remarkable intercultural and social engagement, he is actively involved in student initiatives and university committees. Currently, he is working as a student assistant in the Department of Economics at the John F. Kennedy Institute.

Lisa Hanzl (Chair of Applied Statistics) has received funding for the course Statistics with R as part of the "Students as Partners" project.

Completed doctorates: Congratulations!

Julian Schmied, The Economic Costs of Life-Course Transitions, 05.05.2023, Supervisor: Bönke, T., Schröder, C.

Mara Barschkett, (Unintended) consequences of social and family policies on health and well-being: Five Essays in Health and Family Economics, 12.05.2023, Supervisor: Spieß, K., Haan, P.

Annekatri Schrenker, Essays in Applied Economics, 12.05.2023, Supervisor: Haan, P., Weizsäcker, G.

Matteo Targa, Empirical Essays on Inequality, 15.05.2023, Supervisor: Schröder, C., Marcus, J.

Stephanie Ettmeier, From Policy to Practice: Applying Empirical Analysis and Historic Contexts to Understand Fiscal and Monetary Policy, and their Interaction, 17.05.2023, Supervisor: Kriwoluzky, A., Schularick, M., Lütkepohl, H.

Christian Raffer, Local Public Finance: Three Essays on Accrual Accounting, Fiscal Rules and Corporatization, 13.06.2023, Supervisor: Corneo, G., Jochimsen, B.

Elias Wolf, Essays in Time Series Econometrics, 16.06.2023, Supervisor: Nautz, D., Schorfheide, F.

Laura Schmitz, Understanding the Impact of Education and Environmental Policy on Human Capital Formation: Four Essays in Applied Economics, 23.06.2023, Supervisor: Spieß, K., Weinhardt, F.

Marina Runge, Strategies for Multiply Imputed Survey Data and Modeling in the Context of Small Area Estimation, 27.06.2023, Supervisor: Schmid, T., Salvati, Rendtel, U.

Julia Zimmermann, Essays on the Historical Political Economy, 18.07.2023, Supervisor: Grigoriadis, T., Corneo, G.

Events

BSE-Schumpeter-Seminar

The BSE-Schumpeter Seminar in the summer semester of 2023 at HU Berlin was organized by **Britta Gehrke** (Chair of Macroeconomics) and **Alexander Kriwoluzky** (Chair of Empirical Macroeconomics and Fiscal and Monetary Policy). The seminar featured presentations by David Weil (Brown University), Isabelle Mejean (Sciences Po), and Michael McMahon (University of Oxford).

Girls' Day 2023

On April 27, 2023, the annual nationwide Girls' Day took place. For the first time after the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was conducted in person. **Peter N.C. Mohr** (Chair of Behavioral Economics, especially Neuroeconomics) organized the workshop titled "Human Decision-Making or the Dilemma of Choice - A Day as a Scientist at the Free University of Berlin" as part of this event. Many 7th and 8th-grade female students from Berlin participated in the workshop.

CampusRun



On June 29, 2023, the annual CampusRun of the Free University of Berlin took place. The Institute for Economics participated as the team "EconFU" with six members: **Zahra Ashkaniyanganjgah**, **Britta Gehrke**, **Lisa Hanzl**, **Rafael Hülfenhaus**, **Peter Mohr**, and **Moritz Weber**. Remarkably, the team achieved top-10 placements in their respective age categories.

Workshop: Machine Learning in Economics May 11, 2023

Jan Marcus (Chair of Applied Statistics) collaborated with **Silke Kaiser** (Hertie School), **Timm Boenke** (DIW Berlin), and **Simone Maxand** (Europa-Universität Viadrina) to organize a workshop on the topic "Machine Learning in Economics." Economists from the Berlin area who apply machine learning (ML) or work on the theory of machine learning attended the workshop. The keynote lecture was delivered by **Michael C. Knaus** (University of Tübingen) on the topic of "ML in Econ, Econ in ML, or both?". From the Free University of Berlin, **Nicolas Frink** (Chair of Applied Statistics) presented his research project "Generalized Mixed-Effects Random Forest in Small Area Estimation".



Long Night of the Sciences

The Chair of Behavioral Economics, especially Neuroeconomics, participated in the Long Night of Sciences on June 17, 2023. As part of an eye-tracking experiment, the interested participants were shown the influence of visual attention on decision-making behavior.



Reading and discussion with Prof. Dr. Ronnie Schöb

On June 20, 2023, as part of the event series "Reading and Conversation" at the library, Prof. Dr. **Ronnie Schöb** discussed the current reform proposals of the Ampel coalition in the area of basic security. He particularly focused on the citizen's income, housing benefits, and guaranteed child allowance (*Kindergrundsicherung*). Following the talk, Prof. Dr. Christian Kastrop engaged in a discussion with Prof. Dr. Schöb regarding the reform proposals. The basis for the presentation was Prof. Dr. Schöb's book titled "Der starke Sozialstaat - Weniger ist mehr" (The Strong Welfare State - Less is More), published in 2020 by Campus Verlag.

„ChatGPT & Co. – Opportunities and Risks of the Use in University-Studies“



experiences were shared."

On July 5, 2023, Dr. Armin Glatzmeier from the University Library presented an overview of the functionality of Large Language Models (LLMs) such as ChatGPT, Open Assistant, or Bard to the library. He discussed the possibilities and limitations of utilizing these models in education, including addressing the current state of the discussion within universities. Following the presentation, questions from the audience were addressed, and

1st Internal FU Berlin PhD Workshop in Applied Microeconomics



On Wednesday, July 6th, the Chair of Economic Policy and Economic History of North America at the John F. Kennedy Institute welcomed doctoral candidates from FU Berlin specializing in applied microeconomics to the "1st Internal FU Berlin PhD Workshop in Applied Microeconomics." The event was organized by **Natalia Danzer, Jan Marcus, and Max Steinhardt**.

Third-party funded projects

Britta Gehrke and Almut Balleer: Financial Markets, Labor Markets, and Wages: Evidence, Theory, and Macroeconomic Implications (Extension), DFG, 12/2023-11/2026. This project operates at the intersection of macroeconomics, financial economics, and labor market economics, analyzing how financial constraints in companies influence labor demand and wages.

Max Steinhardt, Luca Stella, and Sebastian Kohl: Housing Shortage in Germany - An Analysis of Socioeconomic Causes and Effects, HBS 09/2023-02/2025. The aim of this project is to identify the social and economic influencing factors and consequences of overcrowding. Additionally, it will investigate the extent to which the objective availability of housing coincides with subjective perceptions.

News

From the Library

Continuation of the Writing Studio under the motto “Let’s write”

In this winter semester, the library continues to support students of the department in advancing their writing projects. Following the new motto 'Let’s write', students can fill the pages of their work during the two-hour sessions in a relaxed and pleasant working atmosphere. They will gain insight into a method designed to facilitate writing. Additionally, the Writing Studio provides the opportunity to form writing groups or find language and proofreading partners.

Time: November 14, 2023 - February 13, 2024, every Tuesday. Starts at 2 PM (Duration: 2 hours)

Location: Library Studio (Behind the Cabinets)

75-Minute Book Exchange:

The '75-Minute' initiative, launched on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Free University of Berlin, invites staff to take a short and inspiring break from their daily routine. Participants can choose from a wide range of activities, including inspirational lectures and creative workshops. Participation is free of charge.

The library is contributing to this initiative by offering participants the opportunity to use the 75 minutes for a book exchange, especially focusing on fiction. During this time, books can be exchanged, reading experiences shared, and new stories discovered. The emphasis is on novels, short stories, and poems. Each participant can bring 3-5 books for the book exchange

Funding from Carl Friedrich von Siemens Foundation & Wiwiss Alumni:

The library successfully secured funds totaling €20,000 from the Carl Friedrich von Siemens Foundation for the acquisition of research literature. Additionally, Wiwiss Alumni supported the library with the purchase of textbooks for departmental events, providing €2,000 in funding.

From the study program coordination

Starting from the winter semester 2023/24, **Ulrich Schneider** and **Markus Krecik** (BA Economics) are taking over the coordination of the Bachelor's program in Economics. The coordination of the Master's programs continues to be managed by **Dieter Nautz** and **Lea Wolf** (M.Sc. Economics), as well as **Natalia Danzer** and **Denise Barth** (M.Sc. Public Economics).

From the Berlin School of Economics (BSE)

On April 27, a discussion on "Sexual Harassment and Power Abuse in Academia and the Economics Profession: Lessons Learned and the Way Forward" took place at the Berlin School of Economics. Professor Olle Folke (Uppsala University) presented his working paper titled "Sexual Harassment and Gender Inequality in the Labor Market." Following the presentation, a discussion was held with K. Wrohlich (Professor at the University of Potsdam), C. Schäper (Ph.D. candidate at BSE and DIW GC), and G. Weizsäcker (Professor at HU Berlin). The event was moderated by C. Odendahl (European Economics Editor at The Economist).

This year's BSE Summer Workshop, held in collaboration with the DIW Graduate Center, has taken place from June 22 to June 23. It provided PhD students with the opportunity to present their work.

During the BSE Welcome Event 2023 on October 4, we welcomed five new doctoral students to our department: **Lars Felder**, **Andreas Koundouros**, **Rebecca Olthaus**, **Maximilian Leonard Schaller**, and **Michael Tran Xuan**.

Additionally, **Britta Gehrke** (Chair of Macroeconomics) and **Luca Stella** (Junior Professor of North American Economics) were welcomed into the BSE Faculty starting this winter semester.

From our guests

Ana Tur-Prats successfully completed her guest semester at the Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Gender. She offered two courses: 'Quantitative Methods in Political Economy and Public Policy Analysis' and 'Analysis of Panel Data.' Additionally, she delivered a presentation titled 'The Long Shadow of the Spanish Civil War' at the Research Seminar in Economics.

Christian Fons-Rosen conducted research during the summer semester of 2023 at the Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Gender. He gave a presentation titled 'Colocation and Knowledge Diffusion: Evidence from Million Dollar Plants' at the Research Seminar in Economics.

Klara Kinnl, a research associate at Vienna University, also completed a research semester at the Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Gender.

Alessandra Pelloni from the University of Rome II conducted research and taught during the summer semester of 2023 at the Chair of Public Finance. She offered a course titled 'Economic Justice: Selected Issues in Economic Theory.'

From fu:stat

The statistical consulting unit fu:stat organized the following training sessions in the summer semester of 2023:

- 16.06.2023, „Statistik-Kompakt“ at the economics department
- 08.08. – 10.08.2023, „Statistik-Grundlagen“ at the economics department
- 14.08. - 15.08.2023, „Python basics“ at the economics department
- 16.08. - 17.08.2023, „R-Grundlagen“ at the economics department
- 21.08.2023, „Introduction to Statistical Learning“ at the economics department
- 28.08. - 29.08.2023, „R-Grundlagen“ at the Robert Koch-Institut

You will find the dates on the following website: https://www.stat.fu-berlin.de/schulungen_neu/interne-start/index.html

Further news

Barbara Fritz has been appointed to the economic advisory network of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The Deutsche Bundesbank now offers access to its datasets for visiting researchers in Berlin. Further information can be found [here](#).

Publications

Here you can find publications by members of the Institute for Economics during their time at the Free University of Berlin.

Refereed journals

Basteck, C., Ehlers, L. (2023). Strategy-proof and envy-free random assignment. *Journal of Economic Theory*, April 2023, 105618

Danzer, A.M., **Danzer, N.**, Feuerbaum, C. (2023). Military Spending and Innovation: Learning from 19th Century World Fair Exhibition Data. *Industrial and Corporate Change*, dtado23.

Fürstenau, E., Gohl, N., **Haan, P.**, Weinhardt, F. (2023). Working life and human capital investment: Causal evidence from a pension reform. *Labour Economics*, Oktober 2023, 102426.

Hanzl, L. & Rehm, M. (2023). Less Work, More Labor: School Closures and Work Hours During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Austria. *Feminist Economics*.

Bietenbeck, J., Leibing, A., **Marcus, J.**, & Weinhardt, F. (2023). Tuition fees and educational attainment. *European Economic Review*, 154, 104431

Prömel, C. (2023). Belonging or estrangement—The European Refugee Crisis and its effects on immigrant identity. *European Journal of Political Economy*

Fischbacher, U., Neyse, L., Richter, D., **Schröder, C.** (2023). Adding household surveys to the behavioral economics toolbox: Insights from the SOEP Innovation Sample. *Journal of the Economic Science Association*, 1-16.

Bartels, C., Bönke, T., Glaubitz, R., Grabka, M.M., **Schröder, C.** (2023). Accounting for pension wealth, the missing rich and under-coverage: A comprehensive wealth distribution for Germany. *Economics Letters* 231, 111299.

Murray, N., Neyse, L., **Schröder, C.** (2023). Changes in risk attitudes vary across domains throughout the life course. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 212, 534-563.

Fossen, F.M., König, J., **Schröder, C.** (2023). Risk preference and entrepreneurial investment at the top of the wealth distribution. *Empirical Economics*, 1-27.

Matiaske, W., Schmidt, T.D., Halbmeier, C., Maas, M., Holtmann, D., **Schröder, C.** et al. (2023). SOEP-LEE2: Linking Surveys on Employees to Employers in Germany. *Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik*.

Caliendo, M., Fedorets, A., Preuss, M., **Schröder, C.**, Wittbrodt, L. (2023). The short-and medium-term distributional effects of the German minimum wage reform. *Empirical Economics* 64 (3), 1149-1175.

Tisch, A., Meyer, S.C., Sommer, S., **Schröder, C.** (2023). (In) equality at the workplace? Differences in occupational safety and health measures during the Covid-19 pandemic and related employee health. *Soziale Welt* 74 (1), 116-145.

Schröder, C., Silber, J. (2023). Shlomo Yitzhaki (1944–2023): In Memoriam. *Review of Income and Wealth*.

Jahn, V., **Steinhardt, M.** (2023). Immigration and New Firm Formation – Evidence from a Quasi-Experimental Setting in Germany. *International Migration Review*

Reiß, M., **Winkelmann, L.** (2023). Inference on the maximal rank of time-varying covariance matrices using high-frequency data. *Annals of Statistics* 51(2): 791-815.

Working paper

Günther, T., Schneider, U., & Stürmer-Heiber, F. (2023) Working More for Less: Part-time Penalties Across the Working Hours Distribution. *Berlin School of Economics Discussion Papers #0025.*

Bayer, C., **Kriwoluzky, A.**, Müller, G., **Seyrich, F.** (2023) A HANK2 Model of Monetary Unions, *DIW Discussion Paper 2044.*

Barschkett, M., Huebener, M., Leibing, A., **Marcus, J.**, & Margaryan, S. (2023). Replication of Atwood's (2022) "The Long-Term Effects of Measles Vaccination on Earnings and Employment". *Institute for Replication Discussion Paper Series, No. 33.*

Halbmeier, C., **Schroeder, C.** (2023). The Long-Term Implications of Destruction During the Second World War on Private Wealth in Germany. *Available at SSRN 4420830.*

Giuntella, O., König, J., **Stella, L.** (2023) Unhealthy Sleep Assimilation. *IZA Discussion Paper.*

Winkelmann, L., Wenying, Y. Tests for Jumps in Yield Spreads. *BSE Discussion Paper #0024.*

Transfer publications

Bach, S., Buslei, H., Felder, L., **Haan, P.** (2023): Verkehrs- und Wärmewende: CO₂-Bepreisung stärken, Klimageld einführen, Anpassungskosten verringern. *DIW-Wochenbericht* 23, pp. 273-280.

Becker, S., Gehlen, A., Geyer, J., **Haan, P.** (2023): Reform der Erwerbsminderungsrente senkt Armutsrisiko, kommt aber spät. *DIW-Wochenbericht* 23, pp. 191-197.

Bayer, C., **Kriwoluzky, A.**, Müller, G., **Seyrich, F.** (2023), Trotz Krisen: Die Stabilität des Euro liegt in der Mittelschicht begründet, *DIW Wochenbericht* 29/2023.

Kriwoluzky, A., Volz, U. (2023), Geldpolitik in der Zeitenwende – Wie umgehen mit der Klimakrise?, *Bertelsmann Stiftung Focus Paper #9, 2.5.2023.*

Schröder, C., Grabka, M., Handrich, L., König, J., Morales, O., et al. (2023) Sonderauswertungen des Sozioökonomischen Panels (SOEP) 2020 und 2021 zu Löhnen und Arbeitszeiten in der Pandemie. Studie im Auftrag der Mindestlohnkommission. Berlin. DIW.

Media contributions and other publications

Gehrke, B. *Arbeitsmarkt- Was für die Zukunft wichtig ist. RHI Impulse Spezial 2023.*

Günther, T., Miltner, S., Schöb, R. *Ungelöste Probleme in der Grundsicherung, ifo Schnelldienst, 2023, 76, Nr. 03, 41-47.*

Kriwoluzky, A., Volz, U. (2023), *Höhere Zinsen sind Gift für den grünen Wandel, Handelsblatt, 8.8.2023.*

Kriwoluzky, A., (2023), *Mehr Sein als Schein - warum hat Papiergeld einen Wert?, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, 5.6.2023.*

Kriwoluzky, A., (2023), *Mehr Sein als Schein - warum hat Papiergeld einen Wert Mehr Sein als Schein – warum hat Papiergeld einen Wert?, Informationsreihe anlässlich 150. Jubiläum der Gründung des Verein für Socialpolitik.*

Kriwoluzky, A., (2023), *Schattenseiten der Zinswende: welche Folgen drohen den Entwicklungsländern?, Tagesspiegel, 19.4.2023.*

Gihleb, R., Giuntella, O., Stella, L., Wang, T. (2023), *Keeping workers safe in the automation revolution, 2023, Brookings.*

Presentations by department members

Christian Ambrosius (Chair of Latin American Economics). VFS- German Development Economics Committee Annual Conference, Dresden, 1.-2.06.23

Christian Ambrosius (Chair of Latin American Economics). Annual Nordic Conference of Development Economics, Gothenborg, 13.-15.06.23

Winnie Coleman (Chair of Econometrics). *5th Warsaw Money-Macro-Finance-Conference*. 21.-22.09.2023 in Warsaw. Asymmetric Inflation Target Credibility

Giacomo Corneo (Chair of Public Finance). *Summer School: Markets and Governments – a Theoretical Appraisal*. Vorstellung des neuen Buches “Is Capitalism Obsolete?”.

Erik Dasenbrock (Chair of Macroeconomics). *29th International Conference Computing in Economics and Finance*. July 3-July 6 in Nizza. Life-Cycle Wage Rigidity and Unemployment Fluctuations

Nicolas Frink (Chair of Applied Statistics). Machine Learning in Economics. Berlin, 11.05.2023. Generalized Mixed-Effects Random Forest in Small Area Estimation.

Britta Gehrke (Chair of Macroeconomics). *Jahrestagung des makroökonomischen Ausschusses des Vereins für Socialpolitik (VfS)*. April 25, 2023 in Basel. Short-time work and precautionary savings.

Britta Gehrke (Chair of Macroeconomics). *Workshop on the European Unemployment Problem*. Juni 5, 2023 in Zürich. Minimum wages and financial constraints in firms.

Britta Gehrke (Chair of Macroeconomics). *25th IZA Anniversary Conference*. July 5, 2023 in Berlin. Short-time work and precautionary savings.

Britta Gehrke (Chair of Macroeconomics). *Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik (VfS)*. September 27, 2023 in Regensburg. Minimum wages and financial constraints in firms.

Markus Krecik (Chair of Public Finance). 2023 ESA World Meeting. 26.06 – 29.06, Lyon, France. Desire Dynamics: A model of Procedural Rationality

Piotr Larysz (Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Gender). *Internationale wissenschaftlich Tagung für junge Forscher*. Oktober 10-11, 2022 in Warschau. Einfluss der Teilung Polens auf die Gleichstellung von Frauen und Männern.

Helmut Lütkepohl (S Chair with DIW). *University of East Anglia Time Series Workshop*. June 2, 2023 in Norwich, UK. Have the Effects of Oil Price Expectations Changed? Evidence from heteroskedastic proxy vector autoregressions.

Anja Luzega (Chair of Economics and History of North America) *38th Italian Association of Labour Economics (AIEL) Conference*, 08.09.2023, Universität Genua. The Long-Term Effects of Diversity in School: Evidence from West Germany's Guest Worker Program

Jan Marcus (Chair of Applied Statistics). *Research Seminar of the RWI*. Berlin, 13.04.2023. What a difference a day makes: Mortality effects of the school starting age.

Christopher Prömel (Chair of Economics and History of North America) *SOEP Brown Bag Seminar*, 19.4.2023, DIW Berlin, The Economic Determinants of Bitterness – Evidence from Plant Closures in Germany

Christopher Prömel (Chair of Economics and History of North America) *BeNA Sommer Workshop*, 28.4.2023, RWI Berlin, The Economic Determinants of Bitterness – Evidence from Plant Closures in Germany

Christopher Prömel (Chair of Economics and History of North America) *7th Conference "Understanding Voluntary and Forced Migration: Research and Data Needs"*, 12.5.2023, Universität Lille. Local Far-Right Demonstrations and Nationwide Public Attitudes

Christopher Prömel (Chair of Economics and History of North America) *Jahrestagung 2023 des Vereins für Socialpolitik*, 27.09.2023, Universität Regensburg. Local Far-Right Demonstrations and Nationwide Public Attitudes

Max Steinhardt (Chair of Economics and History of North America) *CMEPR Micro-Economic Policy Seminar*, 04.04.2023, George Mason University Washington. Social Contact and Labor Market Discrimination in Denmark

Max Steinhardt (Chair of Economics and History of North America) *Göttingen Economics Department Seminar (GEDS)*, 12.07.2023, Universität Göttingen. The Long Run Impact of Childhood Interracial Contact on Residential Segregation

Max Steinhardt (Chair of Economics and History of North America) *38th meeting of the European Economic Association and the 75th European meeting of the Econometric Society*, 30.08.2023, Barcelona School of Economics. The Long Run Impact of Childhood Interracial Contact on Residential Segregation

Luca Stella (Chair of Economics and History of North America) *European Association of Labor Economists (EALE)*, 22.09.2023, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague. Women in Political Power and School Closures during COVID Times

Simon Voß (Chair of Economics and History of North America) *Society of Government Economics Annual Conference*, 20.04.2023 American University Washington. Language Proficiency and Homeownership: Evidence from U.S. Immigrants

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Lars Winkelmann (Chair of Econometrics). *Fifteenth Annual Society of Financial Econometrics Conference*. June 15-18, 2023: Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea. Inference on the maximal rank of time-varying covariance matrices using high-frequency data

Elias Wolf (Chair of Econometrics), *Annual Meeting of the Econometric Society*, 28.08.2023 – 01.09.2023 in Barcelona. Estimating Growth at Risk with Skewed Stochastic Volatility Models

Elias Wolf (Chair of Econometrics), *VfS Annual Conference 2023*, 24.09.23 – 27.09.2023

Outlook

Visiting Professors and Scholars in the Winter Semester 2023/24

Endowed Chair by the Deutsche Bundesbank:



In the winter semester 2023/24, Francesco Zanetti (University of Oxford) will support the Economics Department as a guest professor of the Endowed Chair sponsored by the Deutsche Bundesbank. Francesco Zanetti conducts research in the fields of Macroeconomics, Monetary Economics, and Applied Econometrics. He offers, among other courses, a Master's and PhD course on "Growth and Business Cycles".

Chair for Microeconomics

Johannes Muthers is serving as a guest professor representing the Chair of Microeconomics. He specializes in Industrial Economics, Competition Policy, and Contract Theory. In the winter semester 2023/24, he is offering the modules Microeconomics for Bachelor students and Microeconomic Analysis for Master's students.



Research Seminar in Economics

- 26.10.2023 Jan Bietenbeck (Lund University)
- 02.11.2023 Matthias Lang (LMU Munich)
- 16.11.2023 Richhild Moessner (BIS Basel)
- 23.11.2023 Pranvera Shehaj (FU Berlin)
- 30.11.2023 Simon Trenkle (IZA Bonn)
- 07.12.2023 Andrei Markevich (University of Helsinki)
- 14.12.2023 Francesco Zanetti (University of Oxford)
- 11.01.2024 Johannes Muthers (JKU Linz, FU Berlin)
- 18.01.2024 Markus Jäntti (SOFI, Stockholm University)
- 25.01.2024 Laszlo Görke (Uni Trier)
- 01.02.2023 Daniel Schunk (JGU Mainz)
- 08.02.2024 Nadine Yamout (Uni Trier)
- 15.02.2024 Hans-Peter Grüner (Uni Mannheim)

Library

Dates: Introductions to Research Databases

- 24.10.2023 | 14:15-15:00 - AuditAnalytics (online via Zoom, in English)
- 25.10.2023 | 14:15-15:15 - OrbisEurope (online via Zoom, in English)
- 07.11.2023 | 14:15-15:45 - Eikon (online via MS Teams)
- 08.11.2023 | 12:15-13:00 - WRDS (online via Zoom, in English)

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Training dates for the winter semester 2023/24

- 04.12.2023, „Statistik-Kompakt“ at the economics department
- 06.12. and 08.12.2023, „Python-basics“ at the economics department
- 08.12.2023, „Introduction to Statistical Learning“, at the Potsdam Graduate School
- 04.03. – 06.03.2024, „Statistik-Grundlagen“ at the economics department
- 11.03. – 12.03.2024, „R-Grundlagen“ at the economics department
- 13.03.2024, „Visualization in R“ at the economics department
- 18.03.2024, „Introduction to Statistical Learning“ at the economics department

Please find more information on the following website: https://www.stat.fu-berlin.de/schulungen_neu/interne-start/index.html.

Additional Dates

Monetary Macroeconomics Grant (*Förderpreis Monetäre Makroökonomik*)

Thanks to a donation from the Deutsche Bundesbank, prizes for the best theses in the field of Monetary Macroeconomics are awarded annually. Since 2021, the best dissertation has received €3000, the top two master's theses have received €1000 each, and the best two bachelor's theses have received €500 each. The award ceremony for the grants takes place at the department's graduation ceremony. Submissions (including evaluations) are possible **until November 30, 2023**, via email to dieter.nautz@fu-berlin.de.