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Preface

Dear members of the economics department,

We are pleased to present the sixth newsletter of the Economics Department and inform you about the latest developments and activities of our members.

In this issue, we would like to inform you about a very welcome addition to our team. Since July 1, 2025, Philipp Bach has been supporting the Economics Department as a tenure-track professor of econometrics, thereby expanding the range of courses offered in the areas of data science, machine learning, causal inference, and causal machine learning. Philipp Bach is a proven expert in the above-mentioned subject areas and, for example, received the [Wolfgang Wetzel Prize from the German Statistical Society \(DStatG\)](#) this year for his research paper "Estimation and Uniform Inference in Sparse High-Dimensional Additive Models" (published in *the Journal of Econometrics*).

We are also delighted to announce numerous other new publications in international peer-reviewed journals. Particularly noteworthy are contributions to high-ranking journals such as *Quantitative Economics* (Peter Haan), *The Economic Journal* (Britta Gehrke), and *Journal of Economic Theory* (Andreas Asseuer), which underscore the high scientific quality and international visibility of the research conducted at the institute.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the creation of this newsletter. We would particularly like to thank **Isabella Winter** for her valuable support and commitment.

As always, we welcome your feedback. Please feel free to write to us at econnl@wiwiss.fu-berlin.de to share your thoughts or suggestions for future newsletters.

We hope you enjoy reading the sixth newsletter!

Best regards,

Jan Marcus and Peter Mohr

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Persons

New employees



Philipp Bach took up the junior professorship for econometrics (tenure track) on July 1, 2025. His research focuses on causal machine learning methods, which combine traditional models of causal inference with modern machine learning techniques. He applies these methods to empirical questions in labor market and energy economics. Before taking up his junior professorship at the FU Berlin, Philipp Bach was a postdoctoral researcher at the

University of Hamburg, where he also completed his doctorate in 2021.

In teaching, the junior professorship offers lectures and seminars in the areas of data science, machine learning, causal inference, econometrics, and causal machine learning. In the fall semester, Philipp Bach teaches a lecture entitled "Data Science for Economists" (module Quantitative Methods: Selected Issues) for bachelor's students in the higher semesters.

Maria Kagkeli has been working as a research assistant at the Chair of Macroeconomics since October 1, 2025. She completed her master's degree in economics at Humboldt University in Berlin. During her studies, she worked in research at the RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research and as a student employee at the Free University of Berlin and the University of Hamburg. Her research interests lie in the areas of monetary and fiscal policy as well as financial intermediation. Methodologically, she works with both empirical methods and theoretical DSGE models.



Victor Rudakov joined the Chair of Applied Statistics as a postdoctoral researcher in October 2025. Victor Rudakov holds a master's degree and a Candidate of Science degree in economics from HSE University in Moscow. In addition to his position at the Chair of Applied Statistics, he works at the Institute for Eastern European Studies at Freie Universität Berlin.

Gabriel Ziegler, PhD, joined the **Chair of Microeconomics** as a postdoc starting in the 2025/26 winter semester.



Lukas Harder has been a research assistant and doctoral candidate at the Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Gender since April 2025. He earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Georg August University in Göttingen and his master's degree in public economics from the Free University of Berlin. He works on the DFG-funded third-party funded project "Labour Market Transformation: Scarcity, Mismatch, and Policy" in the sub-area of *gender gaps in the labor market*, as well as on projects related to the labor market behavior of retirees.

Departures

Darius Deparade ended his position as a research assistant at the Chair of Microeconomics on September 30, 2025.

Tom Günther left the Chair of International Public Finance on May 31, 2025.

Christopher Prömel (Chair of North American Economic Policy and History) left the department after successfully completing his doctorate to take up a position as an economist at the National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians.

Sebastian Garcia Torres (Chair of North American Economic Policy and History) left the department after almost six years as a student assistant and research assistant. On September 1, 2025, he began a two-year pre-doctoral position with Eliana La Ferrara at the Harvard Kennedy School.

Prizes and awards



Philipp Bach (Junior Professorship for Econometrics) received the 2025 Wolfgang Wetzel Prize from the German Statistical Society (DStatG). The prize is awarded annually to outstanding young scientists for special contributions to statistics. The prize is awarded in memory of Wolfgang Wetzel, who was chairman and honorary member of the DStatG for many years. He studied and later taught at the Free University of Berlin. The FU Berlin awarded him an honorary doctorate for his pioneering

contributions to time series analysis and computational statistics. Philipp Bach receives this year's award for his research paper "**Estimation and Uniform Inference in Sparse High-Dimensional Additive Models**," which was published in [the Journal of Econometrics](#). The paper was written in collaboration with co-authors Sven Klaassen and Martin Spindler (both University of Hamburg) and Jannis Kück (Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf). The prize, worth €1,000, was awarded at the opening event of Statistics Week on September 2, 2025, in Wiesbaden, following a laudatory speech by Prof. Dr. Ostap Okhrin from TU Dresden.

The renowned international publisher **Springer Nature** has awarded **Klaus F. Zimmermann** (Honorary Professor of Economics) two Springer [Nature Editor of Distinction Awards](#) (the **Editorial Contribution Award** and the **Author Service Award**) for his work as Editor-in-Chief of *the Journal of Population Economics*.

Completed doctorates

Miriam Wetter, [Essays on Labor Economics and Inequality](#), April 29, 2025, Reviewers: Bönke, T., Danzer, N.

Laura Josephine Pagenhardt, [Policy in Practice: Communication, Rules, and Income Inequality - Essays in Empirical Macroeconomics](#), June 26, 2025, Reviewers: Kriwoluzky, A., Fratzscher, M.

Lisa Marie Hanzl, [Essays in Labor Economics: Public Policy's Impact on Education, Employment, and Gender](#), July 4, 2025, Reviewers: Marcus, J., Gilpin, G.

Izabela Wnuk-Soares, [Essays on Immigration, Population Aging, and Labor Markets](#), July 15, 2025, Reviewers: Haan, P., Stuhler, J.

Newly admitted PhD students

A warm welcome to all newly admitted PhD students:

PhD student	Supervisor	Program
Adsoy, Seda	Prof. Grigoriadis	EQUALFIN
Brems, Paul	Prof. Gehrke	BSoE
Dai, Mingzhao	Prof. Asseyer	Research assistant +BSoE
Döhler, Niklas Mathias	Prof. Haan	BSoE
Gril Lorena	Prof. Rendtel	Research assistant
Harder, Lukas	Prof. Danzer	Research assistant
Hübner, Lukas	Prof. Prummer	BSoE
Kasirka, Koray	Prof. Corneo	Research assistant
Kundratitz, Richard	Prof. Haan	BSoE
Lee, Justina	Prof. Fritz	External
Meng, Zhiyi	Prof. Grigoriadis	BSoE
Probst, Hannah Marie	Prof. Marcus	BSoE
Schröder Bosch, Jordi	Prof. Gehrke	EQUALFIN
Schröter, Gerrit Charles	Prof. Fritz	EQUALFIN
Waltl, Judith	Prof. Danzer	External

Events

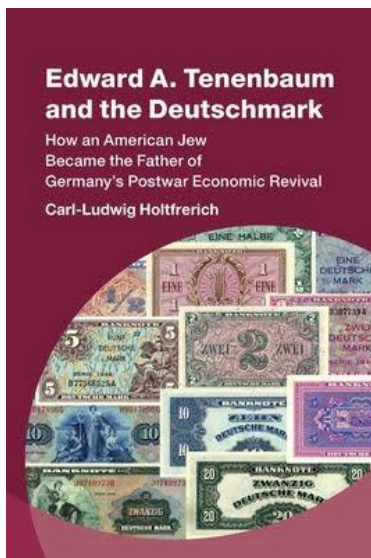
3rd Internal FU Berlin PhD Workshop in Applied Microeconomics



On Wednesday, May 21, 2025, the "3rd Internal PhD Workshop in Applied Microeconomics" took place at Freie Universität Berlin. The event was organized by **Natalia Danzer, Denise Barth, and Piotr Larysz** (Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Gender) together with **Jan Marcus, Manuel Santos Silva, and Max Steinhardt**. Numerous doctoral students from the Free University of Berlin

presented their current research projects and discussed them in an open and constructive setting.

Book presentation: Edward A. Tenenbaum and the Deutschmark - How an American Jew Became the Father of Germany's Postwar Economic Revival



On July 9, Prof. Dr. Carl-Ludwig Holtfrerich presented his [biography](#) of Edward A. Tenenbaum, published by Cambridge University Press, at the John F. Kennedy Institute. Edward A. Tenenbaum was best of his class of 1942 at Yale. From the age of 24 to 26, he was the currency expert for the US military government in Berlin. Despite resistance from German currency experts, he shaped the successful currency reform in West Germany in 1948. It was enacted by legislation of the three Western occupying powers before the founding of the Federal Republic and laid the foundation for the West German 'economic miracle'. However, this reform also triggered the division of West and East Germany, which led to the founding of the FRG and the GDR in 1949. Despite his decisive role, Tenenbaum remained largely unknown to the German public. This book not only pays tribute to his central role in the West German currency reform and thus also in German history. It also covers his entire life until his early death in a car accident in 1975.

1st Junior Workshop on Economics of Latin America

On July 10 and 11, the "**1st Junior Workshop on Economics of Latin America**" took place, at which 15 young researchers presented their research. The event was organized by **Manuel Santos Silva** (Junior Professor of Latin American Economics) and **Nathalie de la Cruz Aquino** (Latin American Institute). **Barbara Fritz** gave the plenary lecture.



Skills Camp on "Casual Machine Learning" at the Free University of Berlin



The Berlin Network for Labor Market Research (BeNA) held a skills camp on "**Causal Machine Learning**" at Freie Universität Berlin on September 10 and 11, 2025. The two-day workshop was led by **Philipp Bach** (Junior Professor of Econometrics) and co-organized by **Lukas Fink** (Chair for Applied Statistics). The focus was on fundamental and

current developments in the field of causal machine learning, in particular double machine learning and sensitivity analyses. The skills camp not only addressed methodological basics, but also practical aspects of causal ML. Participants were able to work with data they had brought with them from their own research projects, make machine learning-based estimates, and ask questions about modeling and discuss them together. During the workshop, a lively exchange took place in which practical questions and participants' own research projects and ideas were discussed. The event thus not only provided technical input, but also promoted direct networking and dialogue among young scientists.

[Participation in the Annual Conference of the Verein für Socialpolitik](#)

The Economics Department at the Free University of Berlin was once again strongly represented at this year's **annual conference of the Verein für Socialpolitik**, which took place in Cologne from September 13 to 16, 2025. **Philipp Bach**, **Natalia Danzer**, **Erik Dasenbrock**, **Peter Haan**, **Piotr Larysz**, **Martin Middelanis**, **Svenja Miltner**, **Sven Schreiber**, **Simon Voß**, and **Klaus F. Zimmermann** presented their current research. **Natalia Danzer** also took part in the meeting of the Extended Executive Board, **Anja Prummer** presented the new Committee for Political Economy in the Verein für Socialpolitik, and **Jan Marcus** was a panel guest at the panel discussion on "Open Science" organized by the Verein für Socialpolitik.



[EQUALFIN Doctoral Program: Workshop Cohesion and Diversity Training](#)



The workshop took place on September 25 and 26, 2025, at HTW Berlin, the FU's partner institution for the EQUALFIN doctoral program: "Finance and Inequality in Times of Polycrisis." It was jointly organized by **Barbara Fritz** (Chair of Latin American Economics) and Prof. Heike Joebges (HTW Berlin) and supported by the Hans Böckler Foundation. Over two days, EQUALFIN doctoral students participated in a series of sessions aimed at strengthening collaborative skills, constructive interaction, effective communication, and resilience in the context of doctoral studies. The workshop provided a valuable framework for promoting academic collaboration and personal development among participants.

[9th PhD Workshop in Empirical Economics](#)

Jan Marcus (Chair of Applied Statistics) co-organized the [9th PhD Workshop in Empirical Economics](#) at the University of Potsdam, which took place on September 24-25, 2025. In addition to numerous poster presentations by doctoral students from Germany and Europe, the keynote speech by Amanda Agan was another highlight.

Berlin Replication Games

On September 30, 2025, the **Berlin Replication Games** took place, organized by **Jan Marcus** (Chair of Applied Statistics) as the local host in collaboration with the Institute for Replication. More than 70 researchers participated—over 40 of them on site at the Holzlaube at Freie Universität Berlin and nearly 30 more online from around the world via Zoom. Replication Games are one-day events in which researchers work together in small teams (typically 3–5 people, matched according to research interests) to reproduce published studies and test their robustness. Various strategies can be pursued, ranging from sensitivity analyses using the original data to recoding raw or intermediate data to replications using alternative data sets. The aim is to test the (computational and robust) reproducibility of studies from leading journals. The games are open to researchers at all career stages – from professors to postdocs to doctoral students. An additional incentive: participants will be involved as co-authors in a meta-study summarizing the results of the replications carried out. Further information on Replication Games can be found here: <https://i4replication.org/games.html>.



Third-party funded projects

Ahmet Ali Taskin (Chair of Macroeconomics) together with Christoph Schneider (University of Münster), Karin Hoisl (University of Mannheim), and E. Maug (University of Mannheim): Innovation and the Formation of Corporate Groups; German Research Foundation (DFG); Project duration: October 31, 2025-October 31, 2028, funding amount: €228,506 per project leader.

The aim of this project is to create labor market biographies of inventors by linking patent holders with social security data. Using this data set, we examine how corporate transactions such as mergers and acquisitions affect the innovative strength and labor market outcomes of inventors.

News

From teaching

The **master's program in statistics**, in which our department is also heavily involved, is now an official program of the Berlin University Alliance (BUA) – and the first program to be supported by all four BUA partners (HU, TU, FU, and Charité).

From the library



Anna Lena Spur has begun her training as a specialist in media and information services (FAMI) in the Economics Library.



After completing her training at the Economics Library, **Lara Senst** has been offered a permanent position.

At the beginning of the winter semester, from October 28-30, 2025, there will once again be a sale of discarded textbooks.

An analog whiteboard is now available in the group work area in the East Atrium for group work and content visualization. Accessories, pens, and magnets can be borrowed from the circulation desk.



At the beginning of the lecture period, numerous courses on topics such as literature research, citation, literature management, etc. will be offered again. The dates will be announced on the [library website](#) and via notices.

From fu:stat

fu:stat has organized the following **training courses** for the 2025 summer semester:

- Compact Statistics (June 13, 2025 at the Faculty of Economics)
- Statistics Basics (August 4-6, 2025, at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration)
- Python Basics (August 7-8, 2025 at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration)
- R Basics (August 11-12, 2025 at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration)
- Introduction to Statistical Learning (August 18, 2025, at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration)
- Generative Artificial Intelligence (March 19, 2025 at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration)
- Introduction to Statistical Learning (May 16 and 23, 2025 at the Potsdam Graduate School)
- Statistics with R (September 25–26, 2025, at the Brandenburg State Forestry Agency, Eberswalde State Forestry Competence Center)

The dates for the training courses at the department can be found on the website

https://www.stat.fu-berlin.de/schulungen_neu/interne-start/index.html

Renewed project funding from the Robert Koch Institute

fu:stat is receiving funding from the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) for the project "Feasibility study on expanding the use case for small-scale estimation of health indicators using small area estimation methods on spatiotemporal models." The aim is to evaluate the survey data collected by the RKI in combination with external data sources, such as the microcensus, using small-scale estimates. The use of small area estimation methods offers advantages over direct estimation based on survey data, especially when the sample sizes in the desired geographical units are very small or no observations are available (unplanned domains). The project goes beyond last year's project, as the focus is now on

spatiotemporal modeling. Repeated surveys are used in combination with neighborhood structures of the regional units. The project funding amounts to a good €34,000 plus VAT and will run until the end of 2025.

Further news

We welcome new colleagues to Boltzmannstraße 20. Since September 1, 2025, the Marketing Department has been located in the former SCRIPTS premises. The Women's Representative's office is now located in room 41.

The [EQUALFIN doctoral program "Finance and Inequality in Times of Polycrisis"](#) welcomes three new doctoral students: Seda Adsoy, Jordi Schröder Bosch, and Gerrit Schröter.

During her research semester, **Britta Gehrke** (Chair of Macroeconomics) spent time at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (USA) and the University of Oxford (UK).

Anja Prummer (Chair of Microeconomics) and Maik T. Schneider have founded a new committee for political economy within [the Verein für Socialpolitik \(German Economic Association\)](#). The committee brings together researchers in this field with the aim of strengthening research and promoting young talent. The committee is chaired by Anja Prummer, with Maik T. Schneider as deputy chair. Max Steinhardt and Theodor Grigoriadis are founding members. Further information, such as the list of members, can be found on the [website](#).

Ronnie Schöb (Chair of International Public Finance) is on a research semester in the winter semester 2025/26.

Lars Winkelmann (Junior Professorship for Empirical Macroeconomics) is on a research semester in the winter semester 2025/26.

Publications

Peer-reviewed journals

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Presentations by department members

Nathalie De La Cruz Aquino (Chair of Latin American Economics). *Göttingen Workshop on Ibero-American Development*. September 25, 2025 in Göttingen. Poster session: Self-regulation and educational outcomes in Latin America.

Nathalie De La Cruz Aquino (Chair of Latin American Economics). *Doctoral Workshop of the Development Economics Committee of the German Economic Association*. September 1, 2025, in Kiel. Self-regulation and educational outcomes in Latin America.

Nathalie De La Cruz Aquino (Chair of Latin American Economics). *Paris School of Economics Summer School: Development Economics in the Field*. June 26, 2025 in Paris. Proposal: A self-regulation intervention in Santo Domingo.

Philipp Bach (Junior Professor of Econometrics). *Annual Conference of the Verein für Socialpolitik*. September 15, 2025, in Cologne. Sensitivity Analysis for Difference-in-Differences.

Philipp Bach (Junior Professor of Econometrics). DeSBI, Hasso Plattner Institute Potsdam on September 9, 2025. DoubleML Deep: Estimation of Causal Effects with Multimodal Data

Marc Bachmeier (Chair of Applied Statistics). *PhD Workshop on Empirical Microeconomics Advances in Causal Inference Methods*. April 9, 2025 in Halle (Saale). The Effect of Tuition Fees on University Graduation.

Marc Bachmeier (Chair of Applied Statistics). *Berlin Applied Micro Lunch*. May 26, 2025 in Berlin. The effect of foreign peers on the political orientation of domestic students.

Denise Barth (Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Gender). *3rd CINCH-dggö Academy in Health Economics*. August 11–15, 2025 at the University of Duisburg-Essen. Gendered Occupational Preferences and Non-Conformity: Evidence from the Stockholm Birth Cohort.

Natalia Danzer (Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Gender). *Welfare & Policy Conference in Bordeaux*. May 4, 2025, in Bordeaux. Gender Attitudes in Times of Economic Uncertainty.

Natalia Danzer (Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Gender). *Invitation to the research seminar at the University of Essen*. May 27, 2025, in Essen. Gender Attitudes in Times of Economic Uncertainty.

Natalia Danzer (Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Gender). *Annual Conference of the Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS)*. September 14–17, 2025 at the University of Cologne. Share the care: fathers on parental leave.

Erik Dasenbrock (Chair of Macroeconomics). *13th Conference of the International Association for Applied Econometrics*. June 25-27, 2025 in Turin. Stabilizing effects of short-time work.

Erik Dasenbrock (Chair of Macroeconomics). *VfS Annual Conference 2025: Revival of Industrial Policy*. September 14-17, 2025 in Cologne. Stabilizing effects of short-time work.

Darius Deparade (Chair of Behavioral Economics, in particular Neuroeconomics). *Prague Conference on Behavioral Sciences*. May 22, 2025, at New York University in Prague (Czechia). Behavioral Interventions, Tax Compliance and Consequences on Inequality.

Darius Deparade and **Lennart Jarmolinski** (Behavioral Economics, especially Neuroeconomics). *Annual Conference of the Network for Empirical Tax Research (NeSt) 2025*. June 25-26, 2025, at the Federal Ministry of Finance (Germany). Behavioral Interventions, Tax Compliance and Consequences on Inequality.

Carolin Dylla (Chair of Behavioral Economics, in particular Neuroeconomics). *IMK Workshop for Doctoral Students*, September 9-11, Düsseldorf. Gender Differences in Risk Preferences: Looking Beyond the Stereotype

Carolin Dylla (Chair of Behavioral Economics, specializing in Neuroeconomics). *Max Planck Summer School for Women in Political Economy*, September 22-25, Cologne. Gender Differences in Risk Preferences: Looking Beyond the Stereotype

Britta Gehrke (Chair of Macroeconomics). *University of Duisburg-Essen*, April 23, 2025, Monetary policy, the bank-lending channel and labor market adjustment of firms.

Britta Gehrke (Chair of Macroeconomics). Chemnitz University of Technology, June 17, 2025, Monetary policy, the bank-lending channel and labor market adjustment of firms.

Lennart Jarmolinski (Chair of Behavioral Economics, in particular Neuroeconomics). *8th Doctoral Workshop on the Economics of Digitization in Toulouse*. May 6-7, 2025, Toulouse School of Economics. The effect of social media on subjective well-being and decision-making.

Lennart Jarmolinski (Chair of Behavioral Economics, in particular Neuroeconomics). *6th Doctoral Tax Seminar at the ZEW*. February 4-5, 2025. Invitation to a doctoral seminar for the exchange of ideas on empirical tax research. ZEW – Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research, University of Mannheim.

Lennart Jarmolinski (Chair of Behavioral Economics, in particular Neuroeconomics). *11th Annual Mannheim Taxation Conference*. September 18-19, 2025, ZEW – Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research. Behavioral Interventions, Tax Compliance and Consequences on Inequality.

Mehmet Rauf Kesici (Chair of International Public Finance). *6th International Conference of the ESREA Migration, Transnationalism and Racisms Network*. May 2025 in Graz. An exploration of the relationship between economic outcomes and the salience of religious identities of Kurdish and Turkish migrants and their descendants in Germany: The Role of Multiple and Hybrid Identities.

Piotr Paweł Larysz (Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Gender). *Annual Meeting of the Society of Economics of the Household (SEHO)*. June 10–11, 2025 at the University of Zaragoza. Gender Attitudes in Times of Economic Uncertainty.

Piotr Paweł Larysz (Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Gender). *40th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA)*. August 25–28, 2025 at the Bordeaux School of Economics, Bordeaux. Gender Attitudes in Times of Economic Uncertainty.

Piotr Paweł Larysz (Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Gender). *Annual Meeting of the Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS)*. September 14–17, 2025 at the University of Cologne. Gender Attitudes in Times of Economic Uncertainty.

Martin Middelani (Chair of Latin American Economics). *Annual Conference of the Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS)*. September 16, 2025, in Cologne. The Climate Cost of Inequality: Trade-offs and Structural Effects.

Aleksey Oshchepkov (Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Gender). *2nd IAB-BIB-ECSR International Workshop: Wartime Migration and Integration – Ukrainian Stayers, IDPs, and Refugees*. May 26–27, 2025, in Nuremberg. The Impact of Immigration on the Native Population: Evidence from the Influx of Ukrainian Refugees to Russia in 2014.

Anja Prummer (Chair of Microeconomics). *Hertie School*. April 14, 2025, in Berlin. An Organizational Theory of Unionization.

Anja Prummer (Chair of Microeconomics). *University of Granada*. May 13, 2025, in Granada. Divisive by Design: Shaping Values in Optimal Mechanisms

Anja Prummer (Chair of Microeconomics). *Universidad Pablo de Olavide*. May 16, 2025, in Seville. An Organizational Theory of Unionization

Anja Prummer (Chair of Microeconomics). *University of Málaga*. May 19, 2025, in Málaga. Value Design in Optimal Mechanisms

Anja Prummer (Chair of Microeconomics). *Annual Conference of the Committee for Organizational Economics (VfS)*. September 9, 2025, in Bonn. An Organizational Theory of Unionization

Victor Rudakov (Chair of Applied Statistics). 37th Annual Consortium of Higher Education Researchers (CHER) Conference. September 3, 2025, in Poznan. Gender wage inequality among university graduates in Europe.

Victor Rudakov (Chair of Applied Statistics). Berlin Applied Micro Lunch. July 7, 2025 in Berlin. The Impact of Sanctions on Human Capital, Educational and Research Outcomes in Sanctioned Countries.

Victor Rudakov (Chair of Applied Statistics). Second Annual Workshop on Sanctions. May 27, 2025 in Vienna. The Impact of Sanctions on Human Capital, Educational and Research Outcomes in Sanctioned Countries.

Victor Rudakov (Chair of Applied Statistics). BENA Labor Economics Workshop. Rockwool Foundation. May 20, 2025 in Berlin. The Impact of Sanctions on Human Capital, Educational and Research Outcomes in Sanctioned Countries.

Victor Rudakov (Chair of Applied Statistics). 10th LEER Conference. April 3, 2025 in Leuven. Student Employment in Europe and Subsequent Labor Market Outcomes.

Manuel Santos Silva (Junior Professor of Latin American Economics). *Göttingen Workshop on Ibero-American Development*. September 25, 2025 in Göttingen. The labor market effects of mobile internet: Evidence from Mexico.

Manuel Santos Silva (Junior Professorship for Latin American Economics). *Berlin Development Economics Workshop*. May 26, 2025 in ESMT, Berlin. Non-random location of development RCTs?

Marc Schalberger (Chair of Applied Statistics). *JSM 2025*. August 6, 2025 in Nashville, TN. Scalable Signed Exponential Random Graph Models under Local Dependence.

Marc Schalberger (Chair of Applied Statistics). *RSS International Conference 2025*. September 2, 2025 in Edinburgh. Scalable Signed Exponential Random Graph Models under Local Dependence.

Ronnie Schöb (Chair of International Public Finance). *Long Night of Science*, June 28, 2025, Berlin. Proposals for the creation of a uniform basic income guarantee.

Ronnie Schöb (Chair of International Public Finance). *Long Night of Science*, June 28, 2025, Berlin. Unconditional basic income: too good to be true.

Ronnie Schöb (Chair of International Public Finance). *Executive Committee Strategy Meeting of the Society for Insurance Science and Design*, July 15, 2025, Berlin. Proposals for the creation of a uniform basic income guarantee.

Ronnie Schöb (Chair of International Public Finance). *Economic Council of the CDU*, September 18, 2025. The future of basic social security.

Pranvera Shehaj (Chair of International Public Finance). *The 7th International Conference on European Economics and Politics. Center for European Studies (CefES). Jointly organized by the Network for European Studies*, June 2025 in Milan. Tax treaty provisions and foreign investments: Evidence from OECD multinationals' owned subsidiaries.

Max Steinhardt (Chair of North American Economic Policy and History). *International Workshop on Discrimination, Social Inclusion and Development*. April 3, 2025, University of Milano-Bicocca. The Impact of Childhood Inter-Ethnic Contact on Managers' Hiring Decisions

Max Steinhardt (Chair of North American Economic Policy and History). *Workshop on the Economics of Migration*. June 24, 2025, in Istanbul, Turkish-German University. The Impact of Childhood Inter-Ethnic Contact on Managers' Hiring Decisions

Nicolas Syrichas (Chair of Macroeconomics). *2025 Annual Meeting Society for Economic Dynamics*. June 26-28, 2025 in Copenhagen. Monetary Policy, Property Prices and Rents: Evidence from Local Housing Markets.

Nicolas Syrichas (Chair of Macroeconomics). *2025 World Congress Econometric Society*. August 18-22, 2025, in Seoul, Korea. Monetary Policy, Property Prices and Rents: Evidence from Local Housing Markets.

Nicolas Syrichas (Chair of Macroeconomics). *Doctoral Seminar: Topics in Time Series Econometrics*. July 3-4, 2025, Schloss Reichenow, Brandenburg. Monetary Policy, Property Prices and Rents: Evidence from Local Housing Markets.

Nicolas Syrichas (Chair of Macroeconomics). *Brown Bag Seminar in Macroeconomics*. May 7, 2025, Humboldt University, Berlin. Monetary Policy, Property Prices and Rents: Evidence from Local Housing Markets .

Ahmet Ali Taskin (Chair of Macroeconomics). *Bavarian Macroeconomics Day*, May 16, 2025, in Nuremberg. Rent Sharing and the Gender Bargaining Gap: Evidence from the Banking Sector.

Ahmet Ali Taskin (Chair of Macroeconomics). *Workshop on Income, Pay Composition, and Labor Market Outcomes*. February 13, 2025, University of Trier. The Effect of Branching Deregulation on Finance Wage Premium.

Ahmet Ali Taskin (Chair of Macroeconomics). *12th Workshop on Empirical Macroeconomics*. May 20-21, 2025, in Ghent, Belgium. Monetary Policy, the Bank-lending Channel and Labor Market Adjustment of Firms.

Ahmet Ali Taskin (Chair of Macroeconomics). *52nd OeNB Annual Economic Conference in cooperation with SUERF*. May 22-23, 2025, in Vienna. Monetary Policy, the Bank-lending Channel and Labor Market Adjustment of Firms.

Ahmet Ali Taskin (Chair of Macroeconomics). *SOLE World Congress, June 27-29, 2025*, in Toronto, Canada. The Effect of Branching Deregulation on Finance Wage Premium.

Ahmet Ali Taskin (Chair of Macroeconomics). *University of Münster, July 15, 2025*. Monetary Policy, the Bank-lending Channel and Labor Market Adjustment of Firms .

Simon Voß (Chair of North American Economic Policy and History) *Forth Annual Scotland and Northern England Conference in Applied Microeconomics*. June 6, 2025, in Crieff, Scotland. **Do Homeless Shelters Increase Local Crime? Evidence from Los Angeles**

Simon Voß (Chair of North American Economic Policy and History), *Annual Conference of the Verein für Socialpolitik*. September 17, 2025 in Cologne. **Do Homeless Shelters Increase Local Crime? Evidence from Los Angeles**.

Klaus F. Zimmermann (Honorary Professor of Economics). *FU Berlin. Graduate School of North American Studies & Faculty of Economics*. May 26, 2025. Workshop: Publishing in International Journals.

Klaus F. Zimmermann (Honorary Professor of Economics). *University of Iceland & Pension Research Institute Iceland (PRICE), Reykjavík*. June 12, 2025. The Economics of Fertility Decline.

Klaus F. Zimmermann (Honorary Professor of Economics). *Istanbul, Bahçeşehir University, Turkey. 52nd EBES Conference*. July 3, 2025. Plenary Lecture: The Economics of Fertility Revisited.

Klaus F. Zimmermann (Honorary Professor of Economics). *Guangzhou, Jinan University, China. 8th IESR-GLO joint workshop on Fertility decline and family policies*. July 10, 2025. Keynote: The Economics of Fertility Decline.

Klaus F. Zimmermann (Honorary Professor of Economics). *Springer Nature Editors Summit Heidelberg*. September 20, 2025. The Journal of Population Economics as a success story.

Preview

Visiting professors and researchers in the winter semester 2025

Visiting professorship of the Deutsche Bundesbank



Efrem Castelnuovo, professor at the University of Padua, will hold the guest professorship of the Deutsche Bundesbank Endowed Chair in the winter semester 2025. He will teach the master's and PhD course "Monetary Economics: Theory and Empirics." On November 27, 2025, he will give a lecture at the Research Seminar in Economics.

Research Seminar in Economics

The Research Seminar in Economics takes place on Thursdays from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Further information can be found [here](#).

October 16, 2025	Oleh Nivievskyi (Kyiv School of Economics, Freie University Berlin)
October 23, 2025	Philipp Bach (Freie Universität Berlin), Shushanik Margaryan (University of Potsdam), HS 103, Garystraße 21
October 30, 2025	Vasyl Golosnoy (Ruhr University Bochum)
November 6, 2025	Matthias Doepke (London School of Economics and Political Science)
November 20, 2025	Gregor Pfeifer (University of Sydney)
November 27, 2025	Efrem Castelnuovo (University of Padova)
December 4, 2025	Arianna Ornaghi (Hertie School)
December 11, 2025	Anne Sophie Lassen (WZB, Berlin Social Science Center)
January 15, 2026	Teresa Freitas Monteiro (CERGE-EI, Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education-Economics Institute)
January 22, 2026	Jana Mareckova (University of St. Gallen)
January 29, 2026	Thomas Triebs (Loughborough University)
February 5, 2026	Hans-Peter Grüner (University of Mannheim)
February 12, 2026	Maik T. Schneider (University of Graz)

Fu:stat

The training dates for the 2025/26 winter semester have been set:

- Compact Statistics, December 8, 2025
- Statistics Basics, March 2–4, 2026
- Python Basics, March 9–10, 2026
- R Basics, March 11–12, 2026
- Visualization in R, March 13, 2026
- Introduction to Statistical Learning, March 16, 2026
- Generative Artificial Intelligence, March 19, 2026

Registration is possible via the website:

https://www.stat.fu-berlin.de/schulungen_neu/interne-start/index.html

Further dates

Scholarship announcement:

The application deadline for the [EQUALFIN doctoral program – Financial Systems and Inequality in the Context of Multiple Crises](#) – is November 2, 2025. The doctoral scholarships will begin between June and September 2026. Further information is available on the doctoral program website: www.equalfin.de

Kick-off event for the EQUALFIN graduate program

The kick-off event for the [EQUALFIN graduate program: "Financial Markets and Inequality in Times of Polycrisis"](#) will take place on Thursday, November 27, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the School of Business and Economics of Freie Universität Berlin, Garystraße 21. Members of the presidencies of Freie Universität Berlin and HTW Berlin will open the event together with Prof. Sebastian Dullien, Director of the Macroeconomic Policy Institute (IMK), and representatives of the Hans Böckler Foundation. We are delighted to welcome **Prof. Waltraud Schelkle (European University Institute)** as keynote speaker for this special occasion.

Klaus F. Zimmermann (Honorary Professor of Economics) is organizing the global [GLO-JOPE 2025 conference](#), an open symposium on issues of labor and population economics and related topics, in Bonn on December 3–5, 2025. (Also available online.) The deadline for submissions is October 23, 2025.

Graduation ceremony

The graduation ceremony for the Department of Economics will take place on Friday, December 12, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Max Kade Auditorium of the Henry Ford Building.

VfS Committee for Political Economy

On March 26 and 27, 2026, the newly founded Committee for Political Economy of the Verein für Socialpolitik (German Economic Association) will meet at Freie Universität Berlin under the chairmanship of **Anja Prummer** (Chair for Microeconomics).

CHE Ranking

The next CHE ranking will focus on economics. After a break of several years, the Economics Department will once again participate in this survey. The CHE ranking (Center for Higher Education Development Ranking) is the most comprehensive and best-known university ranking in the German-speaking world. It is conducted annually by the Center for Higher Education Development and offers a detailed evaluation of degree programs at universities and universities of applied sciences in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.