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Freitag, 22. Januar 2016

Wissenschaftliches Kolloquium
11.00 Uhr, SR 118, Ulmenstraße 69

Madlen Neumann
Wissenschaftliches Kolloquium im Promotionsverfahren:
"*Anreizbasierte Kundenempfehlungen: Forschungsbeiträge zum Forschungsstand und zu den Wirkungen auf den Empfehlenden*"

Montag, 18.01., 17 Uhr, SR 018, Ulmenstr. 69: Dieter Oberndörfer (Mitbegründer des Instituts für Politik- und Verwaltungswissenschaften und Ehrensator der Universität Rostock): Vortrag "*Flüchtlinge und Migration*"



Im Rahmen des Hauptseminars „Regieren in Deutschland“ wird der Politikwissenschaftler Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Dieter Oberndörfer am Institut für Politik- und Verwaltungswissenschaften referieren. Herr Oberndörfer ist Mitbegründer des Instituts für Politik- und Verwaltungswissenschaften der Universität Rostock und zählt nebst Migration und Demografie u.a. auch die Politische Theorie, des Wählerverhalten und den Nationalismus zu seinen Forschungsschwerpunkten.

Für seine außerordentlichen Verdienste für die Universität Rostock, ist Professor Dieter Oberndörfer im Dezember 2015 – auf Vorschlag des Akademischen Senats – zum Ehrensator ernannt worden. Zudem war Professor Oberndörfer von 1964 bis 2001 als Direktor des Arnold-Bergstraesser-Instituts in Freiburg tätig.

Dienstag, 19.01., 16 Uhr, Auditorium MPI: Øystein Kravdal (University of Oslo): Vortrag „*Expected and unexpected effects of childbearing - a methodologically and politically important distinction that tends to be ignored*“



The consequences of childbearing are partly expected by the parents, but there is obviously also much that can happen that is very difficult or impossible to foresee. It is argued in this paper that unexpected effects constitute a potential welfare loss for the families: If people knew more about how childbearing would affect their lives, and how their children would be influenced by the number of siblings, they could make fertility decisions serving their own and their children's interest better. Welfare improvements could therefore, in theory, be achieved by disseminating existing expert knowledge about effects of childbearing, and by doing research to learn more about such effects and whether they deviate from what people tend to expect. Admittedly, this is no easy task, and even if a gap between actual and expected consequences is somehow identified, it is not necessarily so

large that it matters much. If it does matter, however, it would be more reasonable to say that there is a “low-fertility problem” also at the family level, and not only at the macro-level. Looking at the other side of the coin, if effects of childbearing to a large extent are expected, vary between individuals and are taken into account in the fertility decisions, there are large problems involved in the estimation.

Researchers should be aware of these problems, and it is an obvious goal to learn more about their magnitude, so that subjects where the problems are most pronounced can be avoided and findings interpreted as cautiously as needed. Also, attempts to develop methods mitigating these problems should, of course, be welcome.

Øystein Kravdal has been Professor of Demography at the University of Oslo (Department of Economics) since 1994. His main research interests are socioeconomic determinants of fertility/family behaviour and associations between all these factors and health/ mortality. Most of his work has been based on event history analysis of Norwegian register data or DHS surveys from Africa or India.

Donnerstag, 21.01., 17 Uhr, SR 021, Ulmenstr. 69: Anja Schöttner (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin): „*Delegation and Incentives - Substitutes or Complements?*“



Incentives for managers are often provided by offering them performance-based compensation schemes. The efficiency of such monetary compensations, however, depends on several factors, among them the quality of the employed performance measures, the information available for contracting purposes, and the allocation of decision-making authority which translates into either more centralized or more decentralized organizational structures. This article investigates a firm's decision whether to delegate or retain the authority to decide on a specific job design in a moral hazard environment with asymmetric information on effort costs. It provides conditions under which decentralization is the preferred organizational form. Moreover, it derives the result that the relation between incentives and the delegation of decision-making authority is not univocal, but depends on the quality of the employed performance measure. In this regard, it contributes to explaining the mixed empirical

evidence on the relation between incentives and decision-rights.

Freitag, 22.01., 11 Uhr, SR 118, Ulmenstr. 69: Madlen Neumann (Universität Rostock): Wissenschaftliches Kolloquium im Promotionsverfahren: „*Anreizbasierte Kundenempfehlungen: Forschungsbeiträge zum Forschungsstand und zu den Wirkungen auf den Empfehlenden*“

Die Arbeit wurde von Prof. Benkenstein und von Prof. Brock begutachtet.