SFB 884 Research Conference
"Evaluation of Political Reforms"

12th - 14th of December 2012
Schloss/Castle, Ehrenhof West (EW)
first floor, room 151

Scientific Committee:
Gerard van den Berg; Markus Frölich; Christina Gathmann; Thomas König; Enno Mammen; Andrea Weber

Organizing Team:
Stephan M. Solomon; Robert Läufer
Wednesday, 12th of December

9:00-9:15 Welcome by the Rector of the University of Mannheim, Professor Dr. Ernst-Ludwig von Thadden and Professor Dr. Thomas König (Speaker of the SFB 884)

9:15-10:15 Richard Blundell (Keynote Speaker): Female Labour Supply, Human Capital and Tax Reform

10:15-10:40 Coffee break

Session: Political economy of reforms I (Chair: Sven-Oliver Proksch)

10:40-11:10 Eckhard Janeba: Will the German Debt Brake Succeed? Survey Evidence from State Politicians

11:40-11:55 Coffee break

Session: Evaluation of reforms of property taxation (Chair: Markus Frölich)

11:55-12:40 Henrik Kleven: The Effect of Property Transaction Taxes on the Housing Market: Evidence from Notches in the UK

12:40-14:00 Lunch break (individual; see map)

Session: Reforms of education systems (Chair: Andrea Weber)

14:00-14:45 Peter Fredriksson: Education reform in Sweden: Behavioral responses to class size variation
14:45-15:15 Verena Niepel: School choice reform in Sweden

15:15-15:30 Coffee break

Session: Econometrics Methods I (Chair: Enno Mammen)

15:30-16:15 Dennis Kristensen: Nonparametric Identification and Estimation of Multiple Choice Models
16:15-17:00 Bryan Graham: Identification and efficient estimation of average match functions

17:00-17:15 Coffee break

Session: Econometric methods II (Chair: Carsten Trenkler)

17:15-17:45 Christoph Breunig: Specification Testing in Nonparametric Instrumental Quantile Regression
17:45-18:15 Petyo Bonev: Evaluation of reform with nonparametric IV

ca. 18:30- ... Visiting the Mannheim Christmas Market or Individual Dinner (see map)
Session: Evaluation of pension reforms (Chair: James Lo)

9:00-9:45 Martin Huber: The effect of firms' partial retirement policies on the labour market outcomes of their employees

10:15-10:30 Coffee break

Session: Evaluation of reforms of public health systems (Chair: Bernhard Ebbinghaus)

10:30-11:15 Carol Propper: Death by Market Power: Reform, Competition and Patient Outcomes in the National Health Service

11:45-12:00 Coffee break

Session: German Internet Panel - A Project of the SFB 884 (Chair: Thomas König)

12:00-12:30 Annelies Blom: The German Internet Panel

12:30-14:00 Lunch break (individual; see map)

Session: Reforms of family policies (Chair: Markus Frölich)

14:00-14:45 Rafael Lalive: Parental Leave and Mothers' Careers: The Relative Importance of Job Protection and Cash Benefits

15:15-15:30 Coffee break

Session: Evaluation of human capital formation (Chair: Annette Bergemann)

15:30-16:15 Michael Lechner: Do Firms Benefit from Active Labour Market Policies?
16:15-17:00 Bas van der Klaauw: The returns to medical school: evidence from admission lotteries

17:00-17:15 Coffee break

Session: Evaluation of reforms of active and passive labor market policies (Chair: Gerard van den Berg)

17:15-18:00 Steffen Künn: Getting Back into the Labor Market: The Effects of Start-Up Subsidies for Unemployed Females
18:00-18:45 Johannes Schmieder: The Effect of Unemployment Insurance Extensions on Reemployment Wages

ca. 19:30- ... Official Conference Dinner (Invited Speakers only !)
Friday, 14th of December

Session: Political Economy of reforms II (Chair: Christina Gathmann)

9:00-9:45 Per Pettersson-Lidbom: Democracy, Redistribution, and Political Participation: Evidence from Sweden 1919-1938
9:45-10:30 Tommaso Nannicini: Policy Responses to Fiscal Restraints: A Difference-in-Discontinuities Design

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

Session: Political Economy of reforms III (Chair: Eckhard Janeba)

10:45-11:15 Sona and Matt Golder: Power and Politics: Insights from an Exit, Voice, and Loyalty Game
11:15-11:45 Christina Gathmann: Trial and Error? Policy Experimentation during the US Welfare Reform
11:45-12:30 Daniel Sturm: The Impact of Public Employment? Evidence from Bonn

12:30-14:00 Lunch break (individual; see map)

14:00-15:00 David Card (Keynote Speaker): Workplace Heterogeneity and the Rise of Wage Inequality in Germany
15:00-15:15 Markus Fröligh Summary and Farewell

Poster:


Perihan Saygin, Andrea Weber, Michèle Weynandt: Effect of Past Coworkers on Job Search: Evidence from Austria

Andreas Dzemski and Florian Sarnetzki: Overidentification test in a nonparametric treatment model with unobserved heterogeneity

Felix Jarman: Multistage Information Aggregation in Voting
**Conference Venue:** Mannheim Castle, Ehrenhof West, room 151

**Restaurants:** N1: Azteca Mexicana (Mexican); N1 Lounge (Continental); The East (Asian) (am Paradeplatz)

**Restaurants:** N2: Dionysos (Greek); Andechser (German) (am Paradeplatz)

A: Conference Dinner at “Restaurant Onyx” (Am Wasserturm)

B: Hotel am Bismarck (Bismarckplatz; phone: 0621-40041960)

C: Conference at University of Mannheim, Castle, Ehrenhof West, room 151