

BONN ECON NEWS

Week 3: January 16–20, 2023

Overview

People

New at the department

Workshops and seminars

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

- BGSE/briq Applied Microeconomics Workshop (CRC TR 224 Seminar)

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

- BGSE Micro Workshop
- Finance/CRC/ECONtribute Seminar

Thursday, January 19, 2023

- Bonn MacroHistory Seminar

Friday, January 20, 2023

- Bonn Macro Internal Seminar

People

New at the department

Julia Ferreira Pacheco

Position: Department Office

Workshops and seminars

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

BGSE/briq Applied Microeconomics Workshop (CRC TR 224 Seminar)

Marta Golin
(University of Zurich)

Broadband Internet and Attitudes Towards Migrants: Evidence from Spain

Coauthor

Alessio Romarri

Time

14:15–15:30 CET

Location

briq, Schaumburg-Lippe-Straße 9

Hybrid

Zoom link announced via the Applied
Micro mailing list

Abstract

In this paper, we empirically evaluate the effect of exposure to broadband Internet on attitudes towards immigrants. We combine innovative survey data from Spain with information on the characteristics of the Spanish telephony infrastructure. To address the endogeneity of Internet availability, we exploit the fact that high-speed Internet in its early phases was supplied through the existing fixed telephone lines. We use landlines penetration as an instrument for broadband diffusion at the municipality level, and use data from both the pre- and post-Internet period to estimate a difference-in-difference instrumental-variable model. We document a positive effect of broadband Internet penetration on attitudes towards immigrants at the municipality level. This result is particularly strong among young and urban individuals. Looking at mechanisms, we find that broadband Internet is associated with a better knowledge of (national) immigration dynamics and smaller concerns about the effects of migration on the labor market. Finally, using a combination of survey and electoral data, we find that broadband Internet penetration reduces political support for the Partido Popular, Spain's traditional right-wing party.

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

BGSE Micro Workshop

Louis Luther
(BGSE)

Information Design In Selection Problems

Time

12:00–13:00 CET

Location

Juridicum, Reinhard Selten Room (0.017)

Abstract

I study information design in selection problems. There is a receiver who selects one out of many alternatives and takes an action, and a sender who transmits information about the viability of alternatives to persuade the receiver to select a favorable alternative and take a favorable action. The main theorem characterizes which distributions of posterior beliefs about the favorable alternative conditional on selection can be induced by some signal structure. This theorem facilitates a decomposition of the multi-dimensional information design problem into a selection persuasion problem and an action persuasion problem. I analyze applications of the model to advertising and lobbying.

Friday, January 20, 2023

Bonn Macro Internal Seminar

**Simon Heiler
(University of Bonn)**

Mismatch Unemployment in Germany

Time

16:30–17:30 CET

Location

Kaiserplatz 7–9, Room 4.006

Online/Hybrid

Zoom-Link

Abstract

TBA