Dear Cluster members,

This newsletter informs you on a regular basis about upcoming events, new Cluster members, fellows and international faculty as well as other important news from the Universities of Bonn and Cologne.

You would like to inform our members about your Cluster activities?
Please send an email to media@econtribute.de – we will consider your request for the upcoming newsletter.
NEW FACES & OPEN POSITIONS

Welcome Sebastian Siegloch!

From the first of June on, Sebastian Siegloch will be part of ECONtribute and the University of Cologne as Professor of Economics. Currently, Sebastian is a Full Professor at the University of Mannheim.

In his research, he focuses on the intersection of Public, Labor and Urban Economics.

Sebastian will be based at Uni Cologne.

We wish an excellent start!

More information

Welcome to our new visiting researchers!

Myra Mohnen, University of Ottawa, Canada, Start: 03/2022.
Myra will visit our Cluster as an ECONtribute Research Fellow, starting on March, 21. She will be based at Uni Cologne.

Website

Iris Kesternich, University of Leuven, Belgium, Start: 03/2022.
Iris will visit our Cluster starting on March, 16. She will be based at Uni Cologne.

Website

Ariel will visit our Cluster as an ECONtribute Research Fellow in May. She will be based at Uni Cologne.

Website

Open Position: Associate Professorship in Finance (W2) with Tenure Track

The Department of Economics at the University of Bonn, Germany, invites applications for an Associate Professorship in Finance (W2) with Tenure Track starting as soon as possible. The professorship is part of the Cluster of Excellence “ECONtribute: Markets & Public Policy”, run jointly by the Universities of Bonn and Cologne.

The initial contract runs for five years with the possibility of tenure subject to a positive tenure evaluation. Applications received by April 30, 2022, are guaranteed full consideration.

More info

Open Position: PostDoc Applied Microeconomics

The University of Bonn is looking for a Postdoctoral Researcher (100%) at the Institute for Applied Microeconomics. The position is available from 1st of October 2022, for an initial period of three years, after which an extension is possible.

Application via https://econjobmarket.org/, no later than May 1, 2022.

More info
NEW PROJECTS

Louisa Specht-Riemenschneider: New project to investigate legal issues related to Internet of Things

The project “From Smart Technologies to Smart Consumer Laws” is aimed at comparing the laws of Germany and the United Kingdom and has a total funding volume of around 650,000 euros.

Cluster member Prof. Dr. Louisa Specht-Riemenschneider will deal with the German legal situation.

More info

Matthias Heinz: New project to examine the career plans of legal trainees

A project by the Ministry of Justice NRW and ECONtribute examines the career plans of legal trainees at the start and end of their legal preparatory service.

Cluster member Prof. Dr. Matthias Heinz and his team will ask the approximately 2,000 legal trainees of a recruitment year about their professional goals, expectations, wishes, and their experiences during the preparatory service.

More info

Mona Mensmann: New project about innovative teaching in Economics

The project “Digital Innovation and Sustainable Development” by the Federal Ministry of Culture and Science NRW aims to further anchor the topics of sustainability, digitization and innovation in economics programs at university in cooperation with the University of Cologne (Prof. Dr. Mona Mensmann), WWU Münster and the University of Paderborn.

More info

Matthias Sutter: New book about insights from behavioral economics regarding professional life

In his new book, cluster member Prof. Dr. Matthias Sutter presents current findings to better understand the "human factor" in professional life and to enable successful cooperation.

The book currently has been ranked number 6 in the Austrian non-fiction bestseller list.

More info
Press release: Residential property more profitable in smaller cities
Moritz Schularick

Residential real estate in major cities is considered to be particularly profitable. The returns for residential real estate have been lower on average in major cities than in smaller cities. This is the key result of a study by a research team led by cluster members Moritz Schularick (UoB).

The study is the first of its kind to provide historical comparisons of long-term total returns on residential portfolios, linking house price data and rental yields. It was published in advance as “ECONtribute Discussion Paper”.

Further Information & publication

Press release: Past stock prices mislead investors
Christine Laudenbach

Investors often decide how to invest based on past stock prices. In fact, however, future and past returns do not depend on each other. If investors are made aware of this error, they change their investment behavior. This is the central result of a study by the team of Christine Laudenbach.

The researchers analyzed data from around 2000 customers of a major German online bank, the study was published as “ECONtribute Discussion Paper”.

Further Information & publication

Substantial but manageable GDP Decline Expected if Russian Energy Imports Stopped
Moritz Schularick & Moritz Kuhn

If the German government were to stop Russian energy imports, the German economy would be able to adapt to the new situation. This is shown in a recent study by the research team led by cluster members Moritz Schularick (UoB), Moritz Kuhn (UoB) and ECONtribute Research Fellow Ben Moll (LSE).

The researchers analyzed the potential economic impact of a cut-off from Russian energy imports. The result: The consequences would be substantial, but manageable. Germany would not run out of energy. However, oil, hard coal and gas would have to be imported from other countries and industry would have to be restructured in the long term. According to the researchers, German gross domestic product (GDP) would decline by something between 0.5 and 3 percent in the short term, which is equivalent to costs between 100 and 1,000 euros per year and inhabitant. For comparison: GDP fell by 4.5 percent in 2020 due to the Corona pandemic.

The study has been published as “ECONtribute Policy Brief”.

Further Information & publication
“Markets & Values” ECONtribute Summer-Workshop 2022: Autonomy and Paternalism

ECONtribute and C-SEB invite to the “Markets & Values” Summer Workshop 2022 that will bring together both senior experts as well as promising young researchers from all over the world to network and present new ideas and novel evidence on economic approaches to autonomy and paternalism.

The workshop takes place online via Zoom on June 27-29, 2022.

To apply, please submit an extended abstract (max 500 words) or a complete paper until April 10, 2022.

Contact: Arno Apffelstaedt, Louis Strang
Date & Time: June, 27 to 29, 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm CET

Please register here.

Further information will be announced.

Experimental Finance Summer School & Conference 2022

ECONtribute and the Society for Experimental Finance (SEF) invite to the Experimental Finance Summer School 2022 and the Experimental Finance Conference 2022.

The conference also serves as the 12th annual meeting of the Society for Experimental Finance. The Summer School aims to deepen students’ understanding and knowledge of the field of experimental finance. Students taking part in the Summer School, are also invited to attend the Experimental Finance Conference.

Contact: ef2022@experimentalfinance.org
Organizer: Zwetelina Iliewa, Christine Laudenbach
Date: June, 18 to 22
Location: University of Bonn & Collegium Leoninum

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PUBLIC EVENTS

ReStart Talk with Uta Schönberg

ECONtribute invites to the Reinhard Selten Equal Opportunity Talk („ReStart“) with Uta Schönberg on April 26, 2022. She will present the key results of her studies about cultural determinants of maternal labor supply.

The event takes place in person in Cologne.

Date & time: April 26, 2022, 5:00 – 6:30 pm
Venue: Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, Apostelnkloster 13-15, 50672 Cologne

Selten Salon with Claudia Buch

ECONtribute and the Reinhard Selten Institute invite to the Selten Salon 2022 with Professor Dr. Claudia Buch, Vice President of the Deutsche Bundesbank.

The event takes place in person in Cologne. Further information will follow soon.

Date & time: June 10, 2022, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
NEW PUBLICATIONS

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