Dear Cluster friends,

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 pr@econtribute.de
– we will consider your request for the upcoming newsletter.
High-level conference with Klara Geywitz and Moritz Schularick

On May 15, ECONtribute organizes together with the Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building, a high-level research-policy conference in Berlin. Moritz Schularick will present new research on the evolution of German house prices and will reveal a new database. Urban planner Jonathan Rose will give a keynote and a panel discussion will explore potential solutions to the current housing crisis.

Date & Time: 15th of May, 12:30 – 15:30 h, Ministry for Housing and Urban Development, Berlin

More information

New Press Release by Bernd Irlenbusch

A new study by Cluster member Bernd Irlenbusch shows that the expectation that a bribe will be accepted leads to more attempts at bribery. The experiments show that the actual corruptibility of officials of certain nationalities did not match the expectations of those offering bribes. The authors urge that actively fighting biases can reduce corruption. The study is published in ‘PNAS’.

Further reading

New season of ECONtribute Podcast on “Climate”

Designing e-cars, preventing natural disasters or conserving biodiversity: The fight against climate change is subject to numerous fields of research. What contribution economics can provide in this context is revealed in the new climate season of the ECONtribute Wirtschaftspodcast.

First guest is Veronika Grimm, Professor of Economic Theory at the Friedrich Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg and a member of the German Council of Economic Experts.

Listen now
New Lecture Series together with CCCP: Political Science and Political Economy

The Cologne Center for Comparative Politics (CCCP) and ECONtribute jointly host a new lecture series showcasing research on political economy, institutions and behavior by internationally leading researchers.

Maria Thürk (University of Basel) is giving the second lecture on “Hitting the Sweet Spot? The Electoral Consequences of Supporting Minority Governments.” Two more lecture dates are to be announced.

Date & Time: 16th of May 2023, 14:00 – 15:30, IBW Building, Lecture Hall H111, Cologne
Contact: Cyrill Gläser: glaeser@wiso.uni-koeln.de

Workshop on Consequences of Life Events

ECONtribute invites to the workshop on “Consequences of Life Events.” The workshop will bring together a curated set of internationally renowned scholars to discuss research on the consequences of critical life events (e.g., divorce, job loss, parenthood, bereavement) has a long tradition in various disciplines, including economics, psychology, sociology, demography, social epidemiology, gerontology, and medicine.

Information on the program will follow.

Date & Time: 11th – 12th of May 2023, Deutsches Sport & Olympia Museum Köln
Contact: Thomas Leopold: t.leopold@wiso.uni-koeln.de

Workshop: Cologne FRESH Meeting

The Cologne FRESH Meeting encompasses the use of historical data to study institutions and human behavior in the historical context but also to assess the validity of theories in economics and political sciences. The purpose is to create the opportunity for graduate students and early stage researchers to present and discuss their work in an environment especially focused on constructive feedback and support.

Date & Time: 24th and 25th of May 2023 at the University of Cologne
Contact: Erik Hornung: hornung@wiso.uni-koeln.de

More Information and Registration
Panel discussion with Pia Pinger on equal opportunities through mentoring

The lecture is as part of the series "CECAD goes public - findings from research on ageing and age-related diseases explained for Cologne citizens" at the VHS Cologne. Pia Pinger and Carien Niessen from the Cluster of Excellence CECAD show best practice examples and discuss how mentoring can improve the educational outcomes of children from non-academic or disadvantaged backgrounds with relatively little effort.

**Date & time:** VHS Studienhaus am Neumarkt, Cäcilienstr. 35, 50667 Köln, 19th of June 2023, 18:30 – 20:00

More information

ReStart Talk with Dr. Frauke Peter

Is it easy to get a place in a Kindergarten? No – especially not, if families have a lower socioeconomic status. Frauke Peter (Deutsches Zentrum für Hochschul- und Wissenschaftsforschung) shows how support in finding a place in a Kindergarten helps to get a place for their children and thereby brings more women back into the labour market.

This ReStart talk takes place in light of the Diversity Week at the University of Cologne.

**Date & time:** 22nd of May, 17:00 -18:30, online via zoom

More information

Discussion: People, algorithms, publics

Never before have automated algorithms played such a major role in our everyday lives. Together with the USB Köln, we are asking in three moderated discussion rounds about the impact of algorithms on our lives - today and in the future. Join the discussion!

**Details:** 25th of May, 18:00 h and 15th of June, 19:00 h at WDR Funkhaus am Wallrafplatz

The event will be held in German.

**Organizer:** Johannes Münster

Further information
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A warm welcome to

...new Cluster Faculty member Annabelle Hofer, University of Cologne, Start 1st of April 2023

...our new associated members Julia Mink, Marvin Immersberger, Elisa Gerten, Sarah Gharbi and Paul Michel, who joined us 1st of April
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