

# CLUSTER INSIDE 06/2022

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 [pr@econtribute.de](mailto:pr@econtribute.de)

– we will consider your request for the upcoming newsletter.



## New episode of the ECONtribute podcast

Cluster member [Florian Zimmermann](#) is guest of the latest episode „Fake News – Die Gedächtnistrigger“ of the ECONtribute [#Wirtschaftspodcast](#). Florian explains why some news are anchored differently in our minds than others. Why are stories better remembered than numbers?

Listen now to the new episode, available on all common podcast platforms.

[Click here for the new episode.](#)



## Carina Neisser is #Zia Science Fellow

[Carina Neisser](#) joins the [Zia – Women Visible in Science Program](#) by the Zeitverlag. The one year fellowship program brings together 25 young women in science.

The network offers continuing training opportunities on negotiation, communication, and leadership as well as networking opportunities and exchange of experiences live and digitally.

The first [meeting](#) took place in the beginning of November in Berlin.



## Louisa Specht-Riemenschneider presents initial ideas for the newly founded Data Institute

Cluster member [Louisa Specht-Riemenschneider](#) was appointed as member of the founding commission for the new data institute under the coordination of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) and the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community (BMI). The Commission has now handed its interim report, "The Road to a Data Institute for Germany," to Federal Minister of the Interior and Community Nancy Faeser and Federal Minister Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action Robert Habeck.

[Read the press release from the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community](#)



### **Sustainability more important for young people than high wages | Thomas Dohmen**

Young people would accept a lower salary for a job in a sustainable or socially oriented company.

“We have empirically proven with our study that a company’s mission is important,” says Thomas Dohmen. Companies could more easily recruit young professionals if they pursue sustainable or social goals. The study indicates that people with altruistic and prosocial personalities are particularly attracted to companies that demonstrate a commitment to society or climate protection.

Around 1500 master’s students from the Netherlands were asked to evaluate fictitious job offers as part of the study. The researchers varied a range of characteristics in the job descriptions, such as the salary and the chance of a permanent contract, the importance of sustainability in the company, and whether the work is done independently or as part of a team.

[Further Information & publication](#)



### **Covid-19: Vaccination status polarizes population | Luca Henkel**

Researchers analyze association between Covid vaccination status and social cohesion: People who strongly identify with their Covid vaccine status discriminate more strongly against the respective other group. This is shown by a study conducted by the team around Luca Henkel, member of the Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute at the University of Bonn, with the participation of the Universities of Erfurt and Vienna and the Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine Hamburg. The study was published in the journal Nature Human Behaviour.

[Further Information & publication](#)



### **Public more likely to support climate action if other countries commit as well | Michael Bechtel**

International climate agreements are not only essential to reducing carbon dioxide emissions worldwide, but also important <https://econtribute.de/newsroom/#podcasto> garner domestic political support / Publication in Nature Communications

The public is more willing to bear the costs of climate action if other countries contribute as well. This is the result of a study conducted by Professor Dr Michael Bechtel, member of the Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute (University of Cologne), Professor Dr Kenneth Scheve (Yale University), and Dr Elisabeth van Lieshout (Stanford University), which has recently been published in the journal Nature Communications.

[Further Information & publication](#)

## RESEARCH EVENTS



ECONtribute  
Cologne FRESH Meeting 2023  
**Historical Political Economy and Long-run Development**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
May 24-25, 2023  
University of Cologne,  
Germany

ECONtribute invites to the Call for Paper to the **Cologne FRESH Meeting 2023: Historical Political Economy and Long-run Development**.

The event will take place from May 24-25 at the University of Cologne. A keynote will be given by Sascha Becker, Xiaokai Yang Chair of Business and Economics at Monash University. The meeting welcomes economic and social historians, political scientists, and scholars from related disciplines with a shared interest for causal inference using historical data.

**Deadline for submissions:** 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2023  
**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2023, University of Cologne

[More information](#)

Universitätsstraße 22a  
50923, Köln



### Inaugural Lecture by Cluster member Michael Bechtel

Michael Bechtel, Professor of Political Economy at the University of Cologne and member at ECONtribute, will give his inaugural lecture on 16<sup>th</sup> of January at the University of Cologne on the topic: **“Why Are We Underprepared? Democracy, Sustainability, and Long-Term Policy Challenges”**.

**Date & time:** 16<sup>th</sup> of January, 14:00-16:00, Seminar building (106) at the University of Cologne.

[More information and registration](#)



### Workshop on Political Behaviour and Institutions

ECONtribute and the CCCP invite to a half day workshop on Political Behaviour and Institutions.

The workshop will showcase research on this topic being conducted by leading researchers from top-departments, alongside presentations by early career researchers at the University of Cologne and the ECONtribute research area “Political Economy”.

Confirmed speakers are Kenneth Scheve (Yale University, United States), Matthew Gabel (Washington University in St. Louis, United States) and Paula Retzl (Bocconi University, Italy).

**Date & time:** 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2023, 13:00-18:30,

Dozierendenzimmer

Main Building, University of Cologne

[More information and registration](#)

## New ECONtribute Members



**Zainab Iftikahr**

**Zainab Iftikahr joins ECONtribute as Associate Professor of Macroeconomics in at University of Bonn in February 2023.**

**Her research focuses on International Migration, Family Economics, Development and Growth, Labour Economics.**

**Welcome, Zainab!**



**Anne Burmeister**

**Anne Burmeister will join our Cluster Faculty in January 2023 when starting her position at University of Cologne as Professor of Organizational Behaviour.**

**Her research is focused on knowledge transfer processes and social interactions at work with a focus on aging and age-diverse workforces, contributes to the more effective management of knowledge and diversity in organizations.**

**Welcome, Anne!**

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

Our [website](#) informs about new publications by our members and fellows.

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AUTHORS	TITLE	JOURNAL	RESEARCH AREA
Christopher Wratil, <b>Jens Wäckerle</b> , <b>Sven-Oliver Proksch</b>	Government Rhetoric and the Representation of Public Opinion in International Negotiations	American Political Science Review	Political Economy
<b>Francesc Dilmé</b>	Bargaining in Small Dynamic Markets	Journal of Economic Theory	Theoretical Foundations
<b>Erik Hornung</b> , Guido Schwerdt, Maurizio Strazzeri	Religious Practice and Student Performance: Evidence from Ramadan Fasting	Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization	Distribution, Political Economy
<b>Luca Henkel</b> , Philipp Sprengholz, Lars Korn, Cornelia Betsch, Robert Böhm	The Association between Vaccination Status Identification and Societal Polarization	Nature Human Behaviour	Behavioral Foundations

# ECONTRIBUTE DISCUSSION PAPERS

## LATEST PAPERS

Our Cluster has its own Discussion Paper series, the ECONtribute Discussion Papers.

Please submit your Discussion Papers via our [website](#).

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NUMBER	AUTHORS	TITLE	RESEARCH AREA
213/2022	<b>Andrea Amelio, Florian Zimmermann</b>	<a href="#">Motivated Memory in Economics – a Review</a>	Behavioral Foundations
212/2022	Francisco Amaral, <b>Martin Dohmen</b> , Sebastian Kohl, <b>Moritz Schularick</b>	<a href="#">Interest Rates and the Spatial Polarization of Housing Markets</a>	Financial Stability, Distribution, Political Economy
211/2022	Shyamal Chowdhury, Hannah Schildberg-Hörisch, Sebastian O. Schneider, <b>Matthias Sutter</b>	<a href="#">Information Provision over the Phone Saves Lives: An RCT to Contain COVID-19 in Rural Bangladesh at the Pandemic's Onset</a>	Behavioral Foundations, Consumer Protection
210/2022	<b>Sebastian Sieglöch</b> , Nils Wehrhöfer, Tobias Etzel	<a href="#">Spillover, Efficiency and Equity Effects of Regional Firm Subsidies</a>	Distribution, Political Economy
209/2022	<b>Hans-Martin von Gaudecker</b> , Christian Zimpelmann, Axel Wogrolly	<a href="#">The Distribution of Ambiguity Attitudes</a>	Behavioral Foundations, Distribution
		<a href="#">Online appendix</a>	
208/2022	Thomas Graeber, <b>Christopher Roth</b> , <b>Florian Zimmermann</b>	<a href="#">Stories, Statistics, and Memory</a>	Behavioral Foundations



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207/2022	<b>Moritz Kuhn</b> , Jinfeng Luo, Iouri Manovskii, Xincheng Qiu	<a href="#"><u>Coordinated Firm-Level Work Processes and Macroeconomic Resilience</u></a>	Distribution
206/2022	<b>Luca Henkel</b> , Christian Zimpelmann	<a href="#"><u>Proud to Not Own Stocks: How Identity Shapes Financial Decisions</u></a>	Behavioral Foundations
205/2022	Theodore Alysandratos, Sotiris Georganas, <b>Matthias Sutter</b>	<a href="#"><u>Reputation vs Selection Effects in Markets with Informational Asymmetries</u></a>	Market Design & Behavior

# ECONTRIBUTE POLICY BRIEFS

## LATEST POLICY BRIEFS

The Cluster also publishes ECONtribute Policy Briefs.

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NUMBER	AUTHORS	TITLE	RESEARCH AREA
041/2022	<b>Erik Hornung</b> , Julius Koschnick, Francesco Cinnirella	<a href="#">The importance of access to knowledge for technological progress in the Industrial Revolution</a>	Political Economy
040/2022	<b>Axel Ockenfels</b>	<a href="#">Marktdesign für die Gasmangellage</a>	Market Design & Behavior

# RESEARCH SEMINARS



**Tuesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 pm**

**ECONtribute and C-SEB Design & Behavior Seminar**

**[MORE ABOUT THE SEMINAR](#)**



**Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 pm**

**ECONtribute Seminar**

**e.g. Arianna Ornaghi, Matthias Thoenig**

**[MORE ABOUT THE SEMINAR](#)**

**Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 pm**

**ECONtribute Law and Econ Workshop**

**[MORE ABOUT THE SEMINAR](#)**

**MPI Research Seminar**

**At the Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods and via Zoom.**

**[MORE ABOUT THE SEMINAR](#)**

# PARTICULARS AT ECONTRIBUTE

A warm welcome to our new...

...YEP Students Robin Musloff, Alexander Laubel, Malin Siemers!

...Cluster faculty member Zainab Iftikahr

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...Cluster faculty member Anne Burmeister

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