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## CURRENT EVENTS

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6 – 8 October 2010

### **Hermann Otto Hirschfeld Lecture / Workshop**

Location:

Faculty of Business and Economics

Spandauer Str. 1

[http://www.case.hu-berlin.de/events/quantileworkshop/events/HOH10/index\\_html](http://www.case.hu-berlin.de/events/quantileworkshop/events/HOH10/index_html)

8 – 9 October 2010

### **Quantile Regression Methods: Theory and Applications**

Location:

Faculty of Business and Economics

Spandauer Str. 1

<http://www.case.hu-berlin.de/events/quantile%20workshop/>

## REGULAR RESEARCH SEMINARS

An overview is available at:

<http://sfb649.wiwi.hu-berlin.de/fedc/seminars.php>

### **ECONOMIC RISK SEMINAR**

Location: Spandauer Str. 1, room 23

Time: every Monday, 2 – 4 p.m.

25 October 2010

#### **Klaus Reiner Schenk-Hoppé**

(Leeds University Business School)

"Financial regulation of limit order markets - An evolutionary computation approach"

### **SCHUMPETER SEMINAR**

Location: Spandauer Str. 1, room 23

Time: every Tuesday, 4 – 6 p.m.

19 October 2010

#### **Joao Ejarque**

(University of Essex)

"Consumption and Savings of First Time House Owners"

26 October 2010

**Frank Westermann**

(Universität Osnabrück)

"Do Fair Value and Historical Cost Accounting Matter for Conditional Conservatism? Evidence from German Firms"

## REVIEW ABOUT CRC 649 EVENTS

14 – 17 September 2010

**Doctoral Seminar Empirical Accounting Research**

From 14 to 17 September 2010, project A7 of CRC 649 jointly with the VHB hosted a workshop on empirical accounting research at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. About 20 doctoral students from Germany and Austria spent four days in Berlin to present and discuss current work in the area of accounting choice, earnings management, information and asset pricing as well as corporate governance. Also, the attendants used accounting and capital market data provided to them by the RDC to conduct group work-based empirical projects. The results of these group assignments were presented and discussed in a workshop format. A friendly, focused and research-oriented atmosphere helped to make this workshop "an excellent learning experience" for the participants. (JG)



Discussing group results

## NEWS OF THE CRC

**Dietmar Fehr (A6)** successfully defended his PhD-thesis "Essays on Coordination, Trust and Beliefs" on September 14. Congratulations!

**Wolfgang Härdle (B1)** has declined an offer of a professorship at NCU, Taipei.

**Dirk Temme (formerly B2)** accepted the offer of a professorship for Methods of Economic and Social Research at Bergische Universität Wuppertal. We wish him all the best for his new post.

## NEW PROJECTS

The German Research Foundation accepted **Melanie Schienle's** project proposal for project B11 "Nicht- und Semiparametrische Methoden für nichtlineare Modelle vom Kointegrationstyp in Eulergleichungen und Devisenmärkten." Congratulations and welcome to CRC 649!

## NEWS OF THE PROJECTS

**Dorothea Kübler (A6)** gave a presentation entitled "Why Votes have a Value" at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development Berlin, ABC Group, on September 8. She also acted as discussion leader at the workshop "Decision Neuroscience - From Neurons to Societies" on 23 – 25 September 2010, at the Max-Planck-Institute for Human Development, Berlin.

**Lydia Mechtenberg (A6)** presented her paper "Migration of the Highly Talented: Can Europe Catch up with the U.S.?" (co-authored with Roland Strausz) at the annual meeting of the Verein für Socialpolitik in Kiel (7 – 10 September 2010).

**Roland Strausz (A8)** gave a talk on "The Political Economy of Regulatory Risk" at the annual meeting of the Verein für Socialpolitik in Kiel (7 – 10 September 2010). He also gave a talk on "Regulatory Risk under Optimal Incentive Regulation" in a seminar at University Carlos III in Madrid, Spain, on 21 September 2010.

**Joachim Gassen (A7)** visited UW-Madison (USA) to give a doctoral workshop "Empirical Research in International Accounting" and to present his paper: "Accounting Objectives and Financial Accounting Heterogeneity: Evidence of European Private Firms" (co-authored with Rolf Uwe Fülbier). He also attended the invitation-only conference "Global Issues in Accounting Conference" at the University of North Carolina. He gave a PhD class at the University of Berne and organized a doctoral seminar "Empirical Accounting Research" at Humboldt.

**Raffaele Fiocco (A8)** gave a talk titled "The Regulation of Interdependent Markets" at EARIE 2010 in Istanbul, Turkey (2 – 4 September 2010).

**Wolfgang Härdle (B1)** participated in the Research in Pairs program with Jakob Ritov, which took place from 19 September to 1 October 2010, where they did research on improved Bootstrap Confidence Intervals of bounded influence estimators. He also gave a talk on "Pricing Chinese Rain" at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) on 5 October 2010.

**Barbara Choroś-Tomczyk (B1)** is a visiting researcher in the Department of Operations Research and Financial Engineering at Princeton University from August to December 2010.

**Brenda Lopez (B1)** gave a seminar about "Pricing Temperature Risk" at Macquaire University, Sydney, on 23 September 2010. On 28 September 2010 she presented her paper "Localizing Temperature Risk" at the Australian Conference of Economists 2010. Furthermore, she presented her research on "Catastrophe and Weather Risk Management" at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) on 4 October 2010.

**Song Song (B1)** presented Generalized Dynamic Factor Modeling and Large Vector Autoregressive Process in the CRC 823 Workshop "Time Series, Quantile Regression and model Choice" on 20 September 2010 at TU Dortmund.

As co-editor **Lutz Hildebrandt (B2)** presented the journal "Marketing – Journal of Research and Management" (Marketing JRM) at the 4th German-French-Austrian (GFA) Conference on Quantitative Marketing 2010 in Vienna.

**Lutz Hildebrandt, Jana Diels and Nicole Wiebach (B2)** attended the annual meeting of the research group "Konsum & Verhalten" from 23 to 25 September 2010 in Wuppertal and presented their research projects.

**Sven Tischer and Lutz Hildebrandt (B2)** presented the paper "The impact of Publishing Corporate Reputation Rankings on Share Prices."

**Axel Werwatz (B3)** co-hosted the Young Statisticians Workshop of the German Statistical Association (DStatG), which was held in Nürnberg from 13 September to 14 September 2010.

**Katja Hanewald (B9)** is a visiting researcher in UC Berkeley. On 22 September 2010, she gave a talk on "The Insurance Industry's Perspective on Mortality Risk: Modeling and Risk Management" in the Brown Bag Seminar of the Department of Demography of UC Berkeley.

**Weining Wang (B10)** participated the Research in Pairs program on 19 September – 1 October 2010.

**Michael C. Burda (C7)** held a speech "After the crisis is before the crisis: How does it continue with the euro? " at a meeting of the Wirtschaftsrat Deutschland on 1 September 2010 in Potsdam. He participated at the annual conference of the Verein für Socialpolitik from 7 to 10 September 2010 in Kiel and presented his paper "Payroll Taxes, Social Insurance and Business Cycle." Furthermore, Michael C. Burda attended a meeting as a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Institute for Employment Research from 20 to 21 September 2010 in Nürnberg. He also participated in the Cologne Workshop on Macroeconomics from 24 to 26 September 2010 and gave a lecture "Payroll Taxes, Social Insurance and Business Cycle." He presented the same paper in the CEMFI-seminar at the Center for Monetary and Financial Studies on 30 September 2010 in Madrid.

**Frank Heinemann (C10)** participated in the ECB-CFS Network Conference on Macro-Prudential Issues, Frankfurt a.M., 27 – 28 September 2010.

**Kartik Anand (C10)** presented a paper on "Financial crises and the evaporation of trust" (joint work with Prasanna Gai and Matteo Marsili) at the Econometric Society World Congress, 17 – 21 August 2010 in Shanghai.

## GUESTS OF THE CRC 649

You find a summary about all guests here:  
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### Current Guests of the CRC 649 "Economic Risk":

27.10.2010 -  
04.11.2010

**Peter Wnuk**

University of Regensburg, Center of Finance  
 Project: Analysis of high-frequency data,  
 Descriptive analysis, Applying an  
 autoregressive conditional duration model,  
 Applying jump-test.  
 Ziegelstr. 13a, room still unknown



26.08.2010 -  
31.12.2010

**Willi Semmler**

The New School for Social Research, N.Y., USA  
 Project: Prof. Semmler's research interests lie  
 in macroeconomics, financial markets, public  
 finance, industrial organization, growth,  
 climate change and resources  
 Ziegelstr. 13a, room 602, phone 2093 1473



25.08.2010 -  
13.10.2010

**Alexander Bryan Matthies**

Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel  
 Project: Determinanten von Ratings und  
 Ratingänderungen  
 Ziegelstr. 13a, room 607, phone 2093 1455



23.08.2010 -  
30.11.2010

**Till Sabel**

Universität Göttingen  
 Project: high-frequency data, volatility,  
 microstructure noise  
 Rudower Chaussee 25, room 1.2.17



23.08.2010 -  
30.11.2010

**Johannes Schmidt-Hieber**

Universität Göttingen  
 Project: high-frequency data, volatility,  
 microstructure noise  
 Rudower Chaussee 25, room 1.2.17





02.07.2010 -  
30.07.2011

**Alexander Vasa**

DIW – Berlin

Project: Compare demand & supply of investment volumes across sectors and regions. Ultimate question: what policy instruments needed to facilitate finance needed for low carbon development?

Ziegelstr. 13a, room 601, phone 2093 1462



21.06.2010 -  
31.12.2012

**Magdalena Tchikov**

Freie Universität Berlin

Project: Empirical analysis of CDS pricings; Consistency to prevalent pricing models

Ziegelstr. 13a

21.06.2010 -  
30.11.2010

**Fabian Schmidt**

Freie Universität Berlin

Project: Reflektion von Operating-Leasing-verhältnissen auf Unternehmenskennzahlen und das Unternehmensrisiko

Ziegelstr. 13a, room 607, phone: 2093 1455



08.03.2010 –  
01.03.2011

**Ralf Sabiwalsky**

Freie Universität Berlin

Project: Traditional CAPM valuation is based on the assumption of elliptically distributed asset returns and two-moment-preferences

Ziegelstr. 13a, room 601, phone 2093 1462



15.02.2010 –  
31.12.2010

**Anastasia Kraft**

Freie Universität Berlin

Project: Regression model based on two methods, the factor approach and the constructive capitalization

Ziegelstr. 13a, room 601, phone 2093 1462



08.02.2010 –  
29.10.2010

**Thomas Lagner**

Technische Universität Berlin  
Project: The Influence of Credit Ratings on  
Corporate Strategy  
Ziegelstr. 13a, room 607, phone 2093 1455



26.10.2009 –  
29.10.2010

**Kai-Sören Schultheis**

Universität St. Gallen  
Project: Explanatory Power of Implied  
Correlations in Equity Markets  
Ziegelstr. 13a, room 601, phone 2093 1462



## NEW DISCUSSION PAPERS

You find all discussion papers under:

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**2010-043**

**Matthias Ritter, Oliver Mußhoff, Martin Odening**

"Meteorological forecasts and the pricing of weather derivatives"

**2010-044**

**Atanas Hristov**

"The High Sensitivity of Employment to Agency Costs: The  
Relevance of Wage Rigidity"

**2010-045**

**Maria Grith, Volker Krätschmer**

"Parametric estimation of risk neutral density functions"

## PUBLICATIONS

**Gassen, J. and K. Schwedler (2010)**

"The Decision Usefulness of Financial Accounting Measurement  
Concepts: Evidence from an Online Survey of Professional  
Investors and their Advisors," European Accounting Review 19:  
495-509.

DOI: 10.1080/09638180.2010.496548

**Gassen, J., T. Eisenschink and M. Weil (2010)**

"Das Konzept der rechnungslegenden Einheit nach ED/2010/2,"  
Die Wirtschaftsprüfung 63: 805-810.



**Fülbier, R. U., J. Gassen and E. Ott (2010)**

"IFRS for SMEs für den europäischen Mittelstand? Einige theoretische und empirische Überlegungen," Der Betrieb 63: 1357-1360.

**T.R. Daniëls (2010)**

"Social choice and the logic of simple games," Journal of Logic and Computation.  
DOI: 10.1093/logcom/exq027

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"If you believe in what you are doing, then let nothing hold you up in your work. Much of the best work of the world has been done against seeming impossibilities. The thing is to get the work done."

Dale Carnegie (1888 – 1955)

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