6th Potsdam PhD Workshop in Empirical Economics

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Monday, September 9
13:15 – 13:45  Registration in Room S 17 (Building 6)
13:45 – 14:00  Marco Caliendo (University of Potsdam & IZA Bonn)
               Welcome and Introduction
14:30 – 16:00  Guido Imbens (Stanford Graduate School of Business)
               Introduction to Causal Inference
16:00 – 16:30  Break
16:30 – 18:00  Guido Imbens (Stanford Graduate School of Business)
               Introduction to Machine Learning Concepts
18.15          Welcome Reception at Ulf’s Café

Tuesday, September 10
09:00 – 10:00  Office Hour: Guido Imbens (by appointment only)
10:30 – 12:00  Guido Imbens (Stanford Graduate School of Business)
               Causal Inference: Average Treatment Effects with Many Covariates
12:00 – 13.15  Lunch Break
13.15 – 14.45  Guido Imbens (Stanford Graduate School of Business)
               Causal Inference: Heterogeneous Treatment Effects
14.45 – 15.15  Break
15.15 – 16.45  Guido Imbens (Stanford Graduate School of Business)
               Causal Inference: Experimental Design and Multi-armed Bandits
17:15 – 18:15  Office Hour: Guido Imbens (by appointment only)
Wednesday, September 11

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08.30 – 10.00  Third Poster Session: Education II
Discussant: Felix Weinhardt (DIW Berlin)

- Simon Amez
  *Smartphone Use and Academic Performance: Correlation or Causal Relationship?*

- Alexandra de Gendre
  *How Academic Peer Effects Do (and Don't) Work*

- Jérémy Hervelin
  *The Bad Signal of Leaving School Early: Employer Preferences for Professional Experience and National Certificate*

- Daniel Jacob
  *Heterogeneous Treatment Effects through Tenure on Job Satisfaction: A Machine Learning Evaluation*

10.00 – 10.30  Coffee Break

10.30 – 12.00  Fourth Poster Session: Wages
Discussant: Katharina Wrohlich (DIW Berlin)

- Patrick Burauel
  *The German Minimum Wage and Wage Growth: Heterogeneous Treatment Effects using Causal Forests*

- Rebecca Fehn
  *What explains the Urban Wage Premium - Sorting, Matching or Learning?*

- Elisabeth Grewenig
  *Gender Norms and the Gender Gap in Expected Labor Market Participation during Parenthood*

- Christian Gary Mena
  *Intended and Unintended Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers: The Case of Bolivia’s Renta Dignidad*

12:00 – 13.00  Lunch Break
13.00 – 14.30 Fifth Poster Session: Political Economics
Discussant: Rainald Borck (University of Potsdam)

- Pauline Affeldt  
  *EU Merger Policy Predictability Using Random Forests*

- Felix Hagemeister  
  *Populism and Propagation of Far-Right Protests*

- Aleksandra Peeva  
  *Did Sanctions Help Putin?*

- Alessio Romarri  
  *The effects of Internet availability on political outcomes and attitudes towards immigrants*

14.30 Marco Caliendo (University of Potsdam & IZA Bonn)
*Round-up and Good-bye*