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Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Seminar Conference on Social Insurance Programs

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30 minutes presenter, 12 minutes per discussant, 21 minutes general discussion.

08:00 Arrival and Registration

Other Forms of Social Insurance

08:30 **Can Financial Incentives Reduce the Baby Gap? Evidence from a Reform in Maternity Leave Benefits**

Room 12

Anna Raute (University of Mannheim)

Discussants: Jim Poterba (MIT and NBER), Andreas Lichter (IZA Bonn)

09:45 **Household Responses to Severe Health Shocks and the Design of Social Insurance**

Room 12

Itzik Fadlon (University of California-San Diego and NBER), Torben Heien Nielsen (University of Copenhagen)

Discussants: Torben Fischer (University of Mannheim),
Rafael Lalive (University of Lausanne)

11:00 Break

11:15 **The Pros and Cons of Sick Pay Schemes: Testing for Contagious Presenteeism and Shirking Behavior**

Room 12

Nicolas Ziebarth (Cornell University)

Discussants: Itzik Fadlon (University of California-San Diego and NBER),
Andreas Peichl (ZEW Mannheim)

12:30 Lunch

Social Security Programs

13:30 Room 12	<p>Labor Market and Savings Responses to Pension Reforms – Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Germany</p> <p><i>Mathias Dolls (ZEW Mannheim), Philipp Dörrenberg (ZEW Mannheim), Andreas Peichl (ZEW Mannheim), Holger Stichnoch (ZEW Mannheim)</i></p> <p>Discussants: Hilary Hoynes (University of California-Berkeley and NBER), Katherine Meckel (University of Chicago)</p>
14:45	Break
15:00 Room 12	<p>35 Years of Reforms: a Panel Analysis of the Incidence of, and Employee and Employer Responses to Social Security Contributions in the UK</p> <p><i>Stuart Adams (IFS), David Phillips (IFS), Barra Roantree (IFS)</i></p> <p>Discussants: Thomas Barbanchon (Bocconi), Andrea Weber (WU Wien)</p>
16:15 Room 12	<p>Disability, Earnings, Income and Consumption</p> <p><i>Bruce Meyer (University of Chicago and NBER), Wallace K.C. Mok (Chinese University of Hong Kong)</i></p> <p>Discussants: Nicolas Ziebarth (Cornell University), Anne Raute (University of Mannheim)</p>
18:30	<p>Dinner at “Rheinterrassen” in Mannheim</p> <p>http://rheinterrassen.info/</p>

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Health Insurance Programs

08:00 Room 12	Bunching at the Kink: Implications for Spending Responses to Health Insurance Contracts <i>Amy Finkelstein (MIT and NBER), Paul Schrimpf (UBC)</i> Discussants: Henrik Kleven (LSE), Wojciech Kopczuk (Columbia University and NBER)
09:15 Room 12	Is Tinkering with Safety Net Programs Harmful to Beneficiaries? Evidence from the Medicaid Notch and the Minimum Wage <i>Jeffrey Clemens (University of California-San Diego and NBER), Michael Wither (University of California-San Diego)</i> Discussants: Richard Blundell (UCL), Martin Feldstein (Harvard University and NBER)
10:30	Break
10:45 Room 12	Adverse Selection in Micro-Health Insurance Markets – Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial in Pakistan <i>Torben Fischer (University of Mannheim)</i> Discussants: Jeffrey Clemens (University of California-San Diego and NBER), Bruce Meyer (University of Chicago and NBER)
12:00	Lunch
13:00	Excursion: Guided tour of Heidelberg
18:30	Dinner in Weinheim („Hermannshof“)

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Unemployment Insurance Programs

08:00 Room 12	Benefit Duration and Job Search Effort: Evidence from a Natural Experiment <i>Andreas Lichter (IZA Bonn)</i> Discussants: Jozef Zweimüller (Zurich), David Phillips (IFS)
09:15	Break
09:30 Room 12	Optimal Partial Unemployment Insurance: Evidence from Bunching in the U.S. <i>Thomas Barbanchon (Bocconi University)</i> Discussants: Amy Finkelstein (MIT and NBER), Ioana Marinescu (University of Chicago and NBER)
10:45 Room 12	The General Equilibrium Impacts of Unemployment Insurance: Evidence from a Large Online Job Board <i>Ioana Marinescu (University of Chicago and NBER)</i> Discussants: Clemens Fuest (ifo, LMU Munich and CESifo), Luigi Pistaferri (Stanford University and NBER)
12:00	Lunch
13:00	Adjourn