Monday, September 21

Since most students arrived Monday, our workshop started with a warm welcome at the Chamber of Commerce in Trento. Serving excellent zips of wine and cheese, the official Welcome Aperitif was very much appreciated.

Tuesday, September 22

As early as 9.00 am the Director of the PhD Program in Economics and Management gave her welcome and introduction. Right after the brief introduction, Christopher L. Gilbert talked on “Excessive Speculation?”

Subsequently, Mr. Kumarsamy Vela Velupillai presented his thoughts on “The Algorithmic Revolution in the Social Sciences- Mathematical Economics, Game Theory, and Statistical Inference”. He ingeniously combined anecdotes from economic and psychological science history to point out his arguments.
Matteo Ploner talked on “Determinants of In-group Bias: Is Group Affiliation Mediated by Guilt-Aversion?” His work is closely related to the MPI in Jena, since Matteo is a frequently visiting scientist at the Strategic Interaction Group.

After this, Luciano Andreozzi gave insights into his work on –“You would do the same for me: Counterfactual reciprocity in games” the new doctoral students starting at the Doctoral Programme in Economics and Management were introduced and welcomed to the scientific community.

Wednesday, September 23

In the morning of our second day in Trento Oksana To-karchuk gave insights into “Framing effects in Multiple Price List Choice task Elicitation Method”. Soon after, the talk “Net Reward Attractions Equilibrium for Strategic Form Games and its Experimental Test” was given by Davide Marchiori.

Especially the discussion with Andrea Fracasso about “The Evolution of the Sino-American Co-Dependency: Modelling a Regime Switch in a Growth Setting” showed economic insights besides the standard experimental program.
The managing director of the IMPRS Uncertainty program Werner Güth joined our Topics Workshop and took the opportunity to present his work on the indirect evolution in economic processes by presenting “Pull, Push, or both? Indirect Evolution in Economics and Beyond”

As a welcomed alternation in the program, the organizers of the Trento Topics Workshop planed a guided tour through the city and a visit to the Castello del Buonconsiglio.

Getting to know a big part of the ancient history turned out to be quite a hard task. The cities’ history reaches back to roman times and is full of events and interesting anecdotes. E.g., Trento became famous by hosting the Council of Trent (1545-1563), giving strength to the Counter-Reformation.
Thursday, September 24

The last day of our workshop was opened by Sara Depedri. Her psychologically founded paper “A Behavioral Approach to Non-Profit Organizations: Job satisfaction and Employees’ Motivation” add to our interdisciplinary approach.

Subsequently, Lucia Savadori presented “Time and Relative Importance of Probabilities and Payoffs in Choices”, returning to economic shores.

Similarly, Giuseppe Vittucci who talked on “R&D Spillovers and Technology Diffusion in Networks” was touching the field of economics, e.g., economics of innovation.

Completing the cycle of the IMPRS Uncertainty disciplines - economics, psychology, and law - Giuseppe Bellantuono spoke about “Contract Law, Regulation, and Institutional Design”.
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Poster session at the Department of Economics

The academic schedule was concluded by a joint poster session of IMPRS students and students of the Doctoral School of the Interdepartmental Centre for Research Training in Economics and Management (CIFREM).
Farewell Dinner

At the end of our Workshop, Luigi Mittone, Stefania Bortoloti, and Dominique Cappelletti organized a Farewell Dinner at the restaurant Scrigno del Duomo. The amazing ambience, the stunning food, and the nice conversations perfected the course of the workshop. We are now looking forward to tighten the relations of the IMPRS programme to the University of Trento.

Friday, September 25

Departure back to Germany