4th IMPRS Thesis Workshop

In 2011 the Thesis Workshop of the IMPRS Uncertainty was held at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin. As usually, each IMPRS Uncertainty student not having handed in a thesis needed to present recent work out from his or her PhD project. In total 26 presentations in the three fields of the IMPRS Uncertainty (Economics, Law, and Psychology) were given. Inspired by suggestions of members of the ABC group, we slightly changed the mode of presentations:

This year the talks were shorter and received more feedback. The ladder was ensured by an additional informal follow up round of small-group feedback and discussions based upon posters.

In more detail, all talks were restricted to 15 minutes where the chair enforced hard breaks by announcing the remaining time and stopping ongoing debates. Students were requested to introduce only their general questions and the approach they adopted. In order to elicit specific feedback, they were, alternatively, allowed to focus on a specific problem they were struggling with. This procedure helped to ensure that all students had the same chances to receive full 15 minutes of intense feedback by the faculty and the audience. On top of this, a more relaxed feedback by all interested persons was provided during the poster session. These informal feedback-sessions of roughly 1 hour were held after 5 consecutive talks.

The posters were supposed to present only the main points of the talk, i.e., the thesis project or research topic. They should not be comparable to any conference poster but help the audience rather to grasp basic ideas and to wrap up the points to discuss.

With this procedure, students basically got a second follow-up round of feedback from fellow students in an informal and more detailed way.
# International Max Planck Research School on Adapting Behavior in a Fundamentally Uncertain World

**Monday, February 21st**

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<td>“Adaptive decision-making in groups and individuals”</td>
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<td>“Which numbers to choose for my lottery ticket? - Empirical evidences from the field”</td>
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<td>Christiane Ehses-Friedrich (Econ)</td>
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<td>Andre Grimes (Psy)</td>
<td>“Face Perception Across Threat- and Harm-Related Contexts: An Integrative Ecological Approach”</td>
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Monday, February 22nd

11.00 am – 11.30 am Lauri Sääksvuori (Econ)
“Communication in contests”

11.35 am – 12.05 pm Michael Kurschilgen (Econ)
“Generosity in the Face of Uncertainty”

12:05 pm Poster session

c. 1 pm Lunch

2.30 p.m. – 3:00 pm Hanjo Hamann (Law)
“Clean hands, clean conscience? An experiment on the effects of delegating responsibility on self-perception.”

3:05 pm – 3:35 pm Gaoneng Yu (Law)
“Being Tough on Corruption vs. Letting the Briber Blow the Whistle - Which is More Effective?”

3:35pm – 3:55 pm Coffee Break

3:55 pm – 4:25 pm Matthias Uhl (Econ)
“Challenging the Intrapersonal Empathy Gap”

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Linan Diao (Econ)
“Buy what you know?: Investment environments where recognition portfolios outperform CAPM”

5:05 pm – 5:35 pm Hannes Koppel (Econ)
“Cooperative and single player beauty contests”

5:35 pm Poster session

Wednesday, February 23rd

9.00 am – 9.30 am Carlos Kurschilgen (Pol)
“How Principal's Legitimacy affects Agent's Performance - an Experimental Study”

9.35 am – 10.05 am Sebastian Krügel (Econ)
“The role of strategic uncertainty in laboratory cascades”
10.10 am – 10.40 am  Lilia Zhurakhovska (Econ)

“Latent Rewards & Indirect Reciprocity”

10.40 am – 11.00 am  Coffee Break

11.00 am – 11.30 am  Johannes Weisser (Econ)

“One way communication and cooperation in VCM”

11.35 am – 12.05 pm  Fabian Winter (Sociol)

“Asymmetric incentives hinder the emergence of norms in the Battle of the Prisoner’s Dilemma”

12:05 pm  Poster session

Ca 1 pm  Lunch

2.30 p.m. – 3:00 pm  Florian Artinger (Econ)

“Environmental Sampling in Social Dilemmas - The Impact of Rare Events”

3:05 pm – 3:35 pm  Nadine Fleischhut (Psy)

“The impact of risk experience on the effectiveness of leadership”

3:35 pm – 3:55 pm  Coffee Break

3:55 pm – 4:25 pm  Azzurra Ruggeri (Psy)

"Feel Free to Ask: The Roles of Prior Knowledge in Generating New Cues"

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm  Pantelis Pipergias Analytis (Cogn. Sci)“A fast and frugal glimpse at signaling theory”

5:05 pm  Poster session
Thursday, February 24th

9.00 am – 9.30 am  Georg Zaklan (Econ)
 “Estimation of learning models in a public good game with neighbourhood effects”

9.35 am – 10.05 am  Georg von Heusinger (Econ)
 “The Humble Indie Bundle: Evidence on Crowding Out and Charitable Giving from a Pay-as-you-want Natural Experiment”

10.05 am – 10.25 am  Coffee Break

10.25 am – 10.55 am  Stephan Tontrup (Law/Econ)
 “Measuring Generalized Trust in the Judiciary”

11.00 am – 11.30 am  Graduation Ceremony

11.35 am – 12.35 pm  Poster session

As it is good tradition, some of the IMPRS students received certificates, confirming that they fulfilled all the IMPRS Uncertainty requirements.

Next years’ Thesis Workshop will take place at the MPI for Research on Collective Goods, Bonn.