9th IMPRS Topics Workshop

Maastricht, September 28 - October 1 2015

The 9th Topics Workshop of the IMPRS Uncertainty was organized at Maastricht University from September 28th till October 1st 2015.

Members from different faculties of Maastricht University as well as doctoral students from there and the IMPRS Uncertainty presented their research.

After a short welcome by Martin Strobel, the local organizer of this workshop, Olivier Marie opened the workshop with his talk on “High Achievers? Cannabis Access and Academic Performance”. His talk was followed by a presentation of Arno Riedl on “The spillover effect of Institutions on Cooperative Norms, Preferences, and Beliefs”

The talks on Tuesday started with Jona Linde on “Good Nudge Lullaby: Choice Architecture and Default Bias Reinforcement” and Thomas Dohmen, who is part of the faculty of Maastricht University, but also affiliated at Bonn University. The schedule continued with PhD students presenting their work. Gulnaz Anjum, IMPRS Uncertainty fellow at the Friedrich Schiller University of Jena, talked about an experiment she recently did in Pakistan: “United Nations Endorsement and Support for Women’s Rights”. Florian Heine, PhD student of Martin Strobel and Arno Riedl, gave a presentation about “Reward and punishment in a Team Contest Game”. After the lunch break, Jean-Jacques Herings, chair of microeconomics, gave a talk about “Equilibrium and Matching under Price Controls”. The day ended with two talks by IMPRS PhD students. Svenja Hippel (MPI Bonn) presented a research idea (together with Michael Kurschilgen and Konstantin Chatziathanasiou) on institutional stability through openness and Wladislaw Mill (FSU Jena) the role of spite for overbidding in auctions.
Late afternoon, the participants had the opportunity to explore Maastricht underground and who took that chance learned a lot about how the weir systems that surround Maastricht were used in the course of the last centuries.

On Wednesday, Andrés Perea (EPICENTER and Department of Quantitative Economics) gave a short introduction to epistemic game theory. He knows the program of the IMPRS Uncertainty quite well, since he gave a course in Jena in 2007. He was followed by Raymon Montizaan who presented “The impact of employers’ characteristics on the willingness to hire older workers”. He is a member of ROA, the Research Centre for Education and the Labour Market. The talk before lunch break was given by Bart Goldsteyn, assistant professor at the School of Business and Economics, on Risk attitudes across the life span. After the lunch break, Melanie Sauerland from the department of Psychology and Neuroscience, Clinical Psychological Science, and Forensic Psychology, gave an interesting talk on eyewitness identifications. She led the participants through a process on how eyewitnesses can be taken seriously or not. Alexander Brüggen, Associate Professor for Management Accounting talked about Socialistic Budget Lapsing and Investment Decisions. The schedule of the day was closed by Hande Erkut, PhD student of Arno Riedl. She talked about an experiment exploring individual preferences across contexts. After the talks, the participants went to a guided city tour through Maastricht and got insights into the history and architecture of that wonderful city. In the evening everyone was invited for a workshop dinner at Petit Bonheur, where the discussions could be continued.
The last day of the workshop started with Thomas Demuynck, assistant professor at Maastricht University and member of GARP (Group for the Advancement of Revealed Preference). He talked about Revealed Preference with Limited Consideration. His talk was followed by a talk from Tony Williams from the department of Economics on “Linking Behavioral utility and neural subjective value in decision-making under risk”. The last talk of the workshop was given by Christina Rott, as well from the economics department. The title of her talk was “Don’t shoot the messenger! Experimental evidence on delegation of communication”

As previous Topics Workshops, this workshop was a good opportunity for the participants of the IMPRS Uncertainty to get to know new ideas and research approaches and to build a network for their future academic career.
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Schedule:

**Monday:**

*Olivier Marie*  
High Achievers? Cannabis Access and Academic Performance

*Arno Riedl*  
The Spillover Effect of Institutions on Cooperative Norms, Preferences, and Beliefs

**Tuesday**

*Jona Linde*  
'Good Nudge Lullaby': Choice Architecture and Default Bias Reinforcement

*Thomas Dohmen*  
The Global Preference Survey

*Gulnaz Anjum*  
United Nations Endorsement and Support for Women's Rights: Evidence from an Experiment in Pakistan

*Florian Heine*  
Reward and Punishment in a Team Contest

*Jean-Jacques Herings*  
Equilibrium and Matching under Price Controls

*Svenja Hippel*  
Institutional Stability through Openness – an Experimental Design

*Wladislaw Mill*  
Overbidding in Auctions - the Role of Spite

**Wednesday**

*Andrés Perea*  
Epistemic Game Theory

*Raymond Montizaan*  
The impact on employers characteristics on the willingness to hire older workers

*Bart Golsteyn*  
Risk attitudes across the life course

*Melanie Sauerland*  
Eyewitness identifications: One of the worst or best tools of the justice system?

*Alexander Brüggen*  
Socialistic Budget Lapsing and Investment Decisions

*Hande Erkut*  
Individual preferences across contexts

**Thursday**

*Thomas Demuynck*  
Revealed Preference with Limited Consideration

*Tony Williams*  
Linking behavioral utility and neural subjective value in decision-making

*Christina Rott*  
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