

# Program Overview

## PhD Workshop on Empirical Microeconomics

Advances in Causal Inference Methods



MARTIN-LUTHER-UNIVERSITÄT  
HALLE-WITTENBERG

**April 8 - 9, 2025**

Location: Große Steinstraße 73, 06108  
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# Day 1 | April 8

**12:00 – 12:25**      **Registration**

**12:25 – 12:30**      **Welcome**

**12:30 – 13:50**      **Presentations**

**Patrick Klösel (Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research):** Do Higher Carbon Prices Deliver? Evidence from the German Power Sector Using High-Frequency Data  
*Discussant: Fabian Wöbbeking (MLU Halle-Wittenberg & IWH Halle)*

**Mengxi Wang (University of Passau):** Subsidizing Public Charging Infrastructure and the Adoption of Electric Vehicles: Evidence from Germany  
*Discussant: Lena Tonzer (University of Leipzig & IWH Halle)*

**13:50 – 14:00**      **Break**

**14:00 – 15:00**      **Keynote Kamila Cygan-Rehm (TU Dresden)**  
Venue: *Großer Hörsaal*

**Topic:** The Untold Story of Internal Migration in Germany: Life-cycle Patterns, Developments, and the Role of Education

**15:00 – 15:20**      **Coffee break**

**15:20 – 16:40**      **Presentations**

**Julia Francesca Engel (CAU Kiel):** Chess, Gender, and Tournament Dynamics  
*Discussant: Müge Süer (IWH Halle)*

**Sisi Zhang (Gent University):** The Lesser of Two Evils: Solitude or Privacy Deprivation?  
*Discussant: Melanie Borah (OVGU Magdeburg)*

**16:40 – 16:50**      **Presentations**

**Stefan Leopold (CAU Kiel):** Conflict and Skill-Specific Migration - Evidence from the War on Drugs in Mexico  
*Discussant: Christoph Wunder (MLU Halle-Wittenberg)*

**Kamal Kassam (IAB Nürnberg):** The Effect of Mobility Restrictions on Refugees: Evidence from a Policy Reform  
*Discussant: Andreas Knabe (OVGU Magdeburg)*

**18:30 – OP/ED**      **Dinner at own expense (Hallesches Brauhaus)**



**Go to Brauhaus**

# Day 2 | April 9

**09:00 – 10:00**

**Keynote Martin Huber** (*Université de Fribourg*)

Venue: *Großer Hörsaal*

**Topic:** Learning Control Variables and Instruments for Causal Analysis in Observational Data

**10:00 – 10:20**

**Coffee break**

**10:20 – 12:00**

**Poster session**

**1:1 Sessions**

**12:00 – 13:00**

**Lunch**

**13:00 – 14:20**

**Presentations**

**Afroza Alam (IWH Halle):** The Effects of Inventions on Firms and Workers: Causal Evidence from Quasi-Random Patent Allocation

*Discussant: Eva Dettmann (IWH Halle)*

**Sarah Fritz (IWH Halle):** Reshaping the Economy? Place-Based Policies and Regional Reallocation

*Discussant: Antje Jantsch (IAMO Halle)*

**14:20– 14:40**

**Break**

**14:40 – 16:00**

**Presentations**

**Marc Bachmeier (FU Berlin):** The Effect of Tuition Fees on University Graduation

*Discussant: André Diegmann (IWH Halle)*

**Johanna Raith (IWH Halle):** College Application Choices in a Repeated DA Setting: Empirical Evidence from Croatia

*Discussant: Amelie Wuppermann (University of Bayreuth)*

**16:00 – 16:15**

**Closing**

# Poster Presenters

- **Anna Daelen (BiB Wiesbaden; Goethe University Frankfurt):**  
Did You Serve? New Evidence on the Causal Effect of Conscription on Wage in Germany
- **Alexander Grawe (DIW Berlin; FU Berlin; Berlin School of Economics):**  
Sibling Spillovers in Education
- **Felix Zwies (MLU Halle-Wittenberg):**  
How Natural Disasters Shape Well-Being: Evidence from German Panel Data
- **Odra Quesada Campos (University of the Basque Country):**  
(Mis)Perceptions, Attitudes, and Preferences for Immigrant Integration: Evidence from a Survey Experiment
- **Sarah Zeller (TU Dresden):**  
Cloudy with a Chance of Apathy: Long-lasting Effects on Voting from the First East German Bundestag Election
- **Sophie Veerhoff (University of Leipzig):**  
Long-term Impact of the French Revolution on Current COVID19 Vaccination Acceptance in Germany



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