

CRC-PEG Newsletter, February 2014

Introduction

Greetings from the Courant Center Poverty Equity, and Growth in Göttingen! With this short newsletter, we would like to keep friends, advisors, and collaborating partners of CRC-PEG informed on our most recent activities, changes, achievements, and challenges. We appreciate any feedback on our newsletter.

Stephan Klasen, Speaker

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/82144.html>

Personnel Changes

New Members

We are pleased to announce that Holger Strulik, Professor of International and Development Economics, Thomas Kneib, Professor of Statistics, Helmut Herwartz, Professor of Statistics and Econometrics, and Sebastian Vollmer, Junior Professor of Development Economics have joined the Courant Center as Principal Investigators. Thomas Kneib has also joined the Executive Board.



Thomas Kneib



Helmut Herwartz

Successful Tenure Reviews of Junior Professors

Tatyana Krivobokova has successfully passed her tenure review and is being appointed as full professor (W2) in the Department of Mathematical Stochastics. She will stay as a member in the Courant Center as well as in the Economics Faculty. Xiaohua Yu has also successfully passed his tenure review and is now full professor (W2) in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development. He will also stay as a member in the Courant Center.



Tatyana Krivobokova



Xiaohua Yu

Change in the Scientific Advisory Board

Ludwig Fahrmeir has retired and stepped down from the Scientific Advisory Board. In his place, Göran Kauermann, Professor of Statistics at the University of Munich, has agreed to join the Advisory Board.



Göran Kauermann

Farewell to Ph.D.s and Post-Docs

We are happy to announce that the following Ph.D. students at the centre have graduated and moved on to exiting new opportunities: Sergio René Araujo Enciso (Now at the European Commission IPTS), Friederike Greb (Now Post-Doc, University of Göttingen), Rainer Holst (Now at Deloitte), Max Köhler (Now at the SAS-Institute, Heidelberg), Stefan Meyer (Now at IFPRI, Washington D.C.), Dominik Noe (Now at Deltavista, Karlsruhe), Elke Schaffland (Now at the World Bank, Brazil), Katsiaryna Schwarz (Now at Zurich Insurance Group), Xu Tian (Now Associate Professor Nanjing Agricultural University), Stephan Dietrich (Now Post-Doc CRC-PEG, University of Göttingen) and Manuel Wiesenfarth (Now Post-Doc University of Mannheim). Special thanks go to Dominik Noe who had also acted as the administrator of the Courant Center, managed the web site and the working paper series.

Of our post-docs, we are pleased to note that Chris Müris is now Assistant Professor at Simon Fraser University, Aristotelis Boukouras is Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh and Lore Vandewalle is now Assistant Professor at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.

Also we are welcoming several new Ph.D. students who have joined us: Simone Maxand, Evgeniya Pavlova, Francisco Rosales, Marco Singer, Juanita Vasquez, Jisu Yoon, De Zhou, Eva Hasiner and Dieter Kömle.

We would also like to welcome Ute Filipiak, our new post-doc who has joined us from the University of Wuppertal and is working on finance and poverty issues in South Asia. She will also take over as the new administrator of the Center.



Ute Filipiak

Visiting Researchers

The Courant Center has also hosted researchers from abroad for short-time visits as well as for a longer research stay: David Abler (Penn State University, Chicago), Jenny Aker (Tufts University, Medford), Junfei Bai (University, Beijing), Sonia Bhalotra (University of Bristol), Naomi Leefmans (Amsterdam School of Economics), Manuel Bittencourt (University of Pretoria), Maria Cheung (University of Manitoba), Aarusha Cooray (University of Wollongong), Alan Winters (University of Sussex), John, H. Riew (Penn State University), Mathias Rieger (EUI, Geneva), Uih Ran Lee (Royal Holloway University London), Emad El-Shafie (Cairo University), Maria Cheung (Stockholm University).

Workshops and Conferences

Third International Conference of the Courant Research Center and the Ibero-America Institute, July 2-4, 2014.

From July 2-4, our third international conference of the CRC-PEG will be held in Göttingen. It will be co-organized with the Ibero-America Institute of Economic Research at the University of Göttingen which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Confirmed speakers include Francisco Ferreira (World Bank), Elisabeth Sadoulet (University of Berkeley), Alain de Janvry (University of Berkeley), Petra Todd (University of Pennsylvania), Juan Camillo Cárdenas (University Los Andes), Joachim von Braun (University of Bonn), Giovanni Andrea Cornia (University of Florence), and Göran Kauermann (University of Munich).

In addition, there is a call for papers for contributions on all subjects related to the themes of the Center. The call for papers is available here:

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/international-conference-2014/477938.html>



Elisabeth Sadoulet
(Courant Center Conference, 2011)



Elke Schaffland
(Courant Center Conference, 2011)

Workshop Dependent Functional Data, January 2013

From January 24th - 26th, 2013 the Courant Research Center "Poverty, Equity and Growth in Developing Countries", together with the Center for Statistics, hosted an international workshop on "Dependent functional data". Speakers included:

John Aston (University of Warwick)
Gerda Claeskens (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)
Pedro Delicado (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya)
Laurent Delsol (Université Orléans)
Aldo Goia (Università degli Studi del Piemonte Orientale)
Sonja Greven (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)
Serge Guillas (University College London)
Wolfgang Härdle (Humboldt-Universität Berlin)
Alois Kneip (Universität Bonn)
Piotr Kokoszka (Colorado State University)
Hans-Georg Müller (University of California, Davis)
Victor Panaretos (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne)
James O. Ramsay (McGill University)
Alexandre Tsybakov (CREST-ENSAE)

For further information about presentation topics see:
<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/414980.html>



Tatyana Krivobokova and participants of the Workshop Dependent Functional Data

Research Programs and Projects

Apart from the many individual research projects of principal investigators, the Courant Center is directly involved in several larger research programs.

The Courant Center continues to be involved in three structured Ph.D. programs, so-called Research Training Groups (RTG). In the RTG Scaling Problems in Statistics, the second cohort of students started last April and the renewal application for another 4 ½ years will be evaluated in July. See <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/156579.html>

In the RTG 'The Transformation of Global Agri-Food Systems', the first cohort of Ph.D. students is finishing this spring and the second one is due to start in April 2014. More information is available at www.uni-goettingen.de/globalfood

In the RTG 'Globalization and Development', jointly organized with the University of Hannover, the first cohort of Ph.D. students will finish in early 2015 and applications for the second cohort will be reviewed in late 2014. <http://www.glad.uni-hannover.de/>

The trilateral project: 'Economic analysis of movement and trade restrictions and the potential for increased economic integration of agricultural markets and trade in Israel and the West Bank' that started in 2010, will be continued for a second funding period of two years until 2014.



Some impressions from the trilateral project

Lastly, the Courant Center is the driving force in the current application for a Collaborative Research Center 'Poverty Reduction in Developing and Transition Countries: Methods, determinants, and policy issues.' There will be an on-site review of the collaborative research center, which includes 21 research projects and a potential duration of 12 years, on March 12-13, 2014.

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New Courant Center Working Papers

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