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### Hans-Möller-Seminar

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05/06/2025, 04:15 pm – 05:30 pm

Ludwigstraße 28 (front building), Trade Library, Room 221

#### DAVID WEIL – Brown University

“Are Big Cities Important for Economic Growth?”

Cities are often described as engines of economic growth. We assess this statement quantitatively. We focus on two mechanisms: a static agglomeration effect that makes production in bigger cities more efficient, and a dynamic effect whereby urban scale impacts the productivity of invention, which in turn determines the speed of technological progress for the country as a whole. Using estimates of these effects from the literature and MSA-level patent and population data since 1900, we ask how much lower US output would be in 2010 if city size had been limited to one million or one hundred thousand starting in 1900. These effects are small. If city sizes had been limited to one million people since 1900, output in 2010 would have been only 8% lower than its observed value.

### Research Seminars

#### Big Data Seminar (Casanueva, Lipowski, Perdoni)

05/05/2025, 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

ifo Institute, Poschingerstraße 5, Think Tank

#### HECTOR BLANCO – Rutgers University

“Local Effects of Bypassing Zoning Regulations”

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#### Munich Econometrics Seminar (Farbmacher, Wilhelm, Winter)

05/05/2025, 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

Ludwigstraße 33, Old Library, Room 245 / [Online via Zoom](#)

#### CHRISTOPH BREUNIG – University Bonn

“Semiparametric Bayesian Difference-in-Differences”

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**Micro Workshop** (Pace, Zhang)

05/05/2025, 12:00 noon – 01:15 pm

Kaulbachstraße 45, Room E006

**DAVID FRANKEL – Melbourne Business School**

“Predicting Participation”

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**ORG Seminar** (Englmaier, Kretschmer, Castro, Jensen)

05/06/2025, 12:00 noon – 01:00 pm

Kaulbachstraße 45, Room E006

**ALDONA KAPACINSKAITE – Bocconi University**

“Myopic Expansions on Platforms”

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**Empirical Economics Seminar** (Cantoni, Hägele, Proctor, Steinwender, Sunde, Uysal, Waldinger, Winter)

05/06/2025, 12:00 noon – 01:15 pm

Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1, Room A014

**FABIAN WALDINGER – LMU**

“Scientific Practice Over the Twentieth Century”

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**Macro Research Seminar** (Busch, Zorn)

05/07/2025, 10:30 am – 11:45 am

Ludwigstraße 28 (rear building), Room 024

**PETER KARADI – ECB**

“Disentangling Central Bank Information, Fed Response to News, and Monetary Policy Shocks”

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**ifo Lunchtime Seminar** (Schmid, Tähtinen)

05/07/2025, 12:15 pm – 01:15 pm

ifo Institute, Poschingerstraße 5, Ludwig-Erhard-Saal

**JEAN LACROIX – Université Paris-Saclay**

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**Max Planck Innovation & Entrepreneurship Seminar**

05/07/2025, 03:00 pm – 04:15 pm

MPI, Herzog-Max-Straße 4, Room 342 / [Online via Zoom](#)

**ELIE SUNG – HEC Paris**

“Corporate Political Activity at the U.S. Supreme Court - Self-Interested Organizations Arguing with Scientific Information”

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**Public Economics Seminar** (Drechsel-Grau, Fuest, Hansen, Haufler, Löbbing, Miethe, Paffenholz, Peichl, Schulz, Wong)  
05/08/2025, 10:30 pm – 11:45 pm  
CES, Schackstraße 4, Room 214

**ANDREAS HALLER – Norwegian School of Economics**

“Optimal Unemployment Insurance with Repeated Unemployment”

**Visitors**

**CESifo Guests**

- **HECTOR BLANCO – Rutgers University**  
(05/04/2025 – 05/10/2025)
  - **JEAN LACROIX – Université Paris-Saclay**  
(05/05/2025 – 05/17/2025)
  - **ALEX EBLE – Columbia University**  
(05/11/2025 – 05/17/2025)
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