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July 6, 2026

08:45 - 09:15 **Arrival and Registration**

09:15 - 09:30 **Welcome Address**

09:30 - 10:30 **Keynote 1**

Prof. Simon Jäger (Princeton University)

Job Ads as Signals: Evidence from a Priced Amenity and Worker Beliefs

10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee**

11:00 - 12:30 **Session 1: Amenities, Jobs, and Local Market Structure**

Chair: Prof. Peter Haan (DIW Berlin)

Immanuel Feld (University of Warwick)

Endogenous public amenities

Discussant: Simon Voß (Freie Universität Berlin)

Theodor Friederiszick (University of Zurich)

Labor Market Competition and Job Loss (*with Axel Malmcrona and Nelson Sunuwar*)

Discussant: Maximilian Schaller (Freie Universität Berlin)

12:30 - 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 - 14:30 **Poster Session I**

14:30 - 16:00 **Session 2: Job Mobility and Labor-Market Adjustments**

Chair: Johannes Seebauer (DIW Berlin)

Pietro Geuna (Paris School of Economics)

Job-to-job Mobility, Outside Options, and Bargaining: a Machine Learning Approach

Discussant: Alexander Busch (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

David Wittekopf (European University Institute)

Labor-Market Adjustment to Government-Directed Firm Closures (*with Raffael Kind and Robert Schall*)

Discussant: Eliana Coschignano (RWI Essen)

16:00 - 16:30 **Coffee**

16:30 - 18:00 **Session 3: Labor Markets and Health**

Chair: Mareen Bastiaans (European University Viadrina)

Carmen Arbaizar Mazas (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Can Labor Market Opportunities Explain the Rising Levels of Morbidity and Mortality in the USA?

Discussant: Thomas Rieger (DIW Berlin)

Elena Castellaro (University of Amsterdam)

Reducing Working Hours at Late Career Stages: Labor Supply and Health among Teachers

Discussant: Anne Steuernagel (ifo Institute)

18:30 **BeNA Welcome Reception** (by invitation only)

Location: WZB Berlin

July 7, 2026

09:00 - 10:30 Session 4: Child Penalties

Chair: Prof. Felix Weinhardt (European University Viadrina)

Katharina Kaeppel (Paris School of Economics and ENS)

The causal impact of children? Rethinking the identification and estimation of child penalties

Discussant: Marco Schmandt (Technische Universität Berlin)

Pablo Zarate (Princeton University)

Remote Work and Child Penalties

Discussant: Timo Haller (Berlin School of Economics)

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee

11:00 - 12:30 Session 5: Childcare and Maternal Labor Supply

Chair: Annica Gehlen (Freie Universität Berlin)

Freja Thim (University of Copenhagen and The Rockwool Foundation)

Early Childcare Center Effectiveness

Discussant: Marc Bachmeier (Freie Universität Berlin)

Asia-Kim Francavilla (Stanford University)

When Coworkers Extend Leave: Effects on Mothers' Earnings Trajectories

Discussant: Sophie Wagner (University of Potsdam)

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 14:30 Poster Session II

14:30 - 16:00 Session 6: Social Insurance and Transfers

Chair: Clara Schäper (DIW Berlin)

Yuting (Tina) Zhang (University of Cambridge)

The impact of public pension programs on private intergenerational transfers: Empirical evidence from China's New Rural Pension Program

Discussant: Lucas Erbacher (Freie Universität Berlin)

Garyn Tan (University of Zurich)

The Labour Market Effects of Insurance for Disability Supports

Discussant: Lukas Harder (Freie Universität Berlin)

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee

16:30 - 18:00 Session 7: Political Behavior and Institutions

Chair: Prof. Egon Tripodi (Hertie School)

Joel Lamb (University of Exeter and Aix-Marseille School of Economics)

Strategy of the Commons: Evidence from a Lottery in UK Parliament (*with Connor Powell*)

Discussant: Felix Wortmann Callejón (Princeton University)

Alberto Binetti (Princeton University)

Blameocracy: Causal Rhetoric in Politics (*with Francesco Bilotta and Giacomo Manfredini*)

Discussant: Elias Koch (Hertie School)

July 8, 2026

09:00 - 10:00 Keynote 2

Prof. Esmée Zwiers (University of Amsterdam)

Unlocking Female Potential: How Parttime Work Transformed the Labor Market

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee

10:30 - 12:00 Session 8: Identity, Status, and Inequality

Chair: Prof. Sulin Sardoschau (Humboldt University of Berlin)

Kamelia Stavreva (Columbia University)

Skin Tone and Racial Inequality in the US: Evidence from the 20th Century (*with Donato Onorato*)

Discussant: Freya Rubel (Freie Universität Berlin)

Lorenzo Cavaglià (Trinity College Dublin)

Immigrants Assimilation, Status, and Slavery

Discussant: Merilin Martinson (Humboldt University of Berlin)

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

13:00 - 14:00 Poster Session III

14:00 - 15:30 Session 9: Migration, Labor, and Development

Chair: Prof. Max Steinhardt (Freie Universität Berlin)

Pablo Zarate Cisternas (University of Mannheim)

Migration, Diffusion of Ideas and the Rise of the American Labor Movement: Evidence from the American Civil War

Discussant: Niklas Murken (University of Potsdam and RWT)

Anton Heil (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Occupational Variety and Economic Development (*with Gabriel Leite Mariante*)

Discussant: Dimitria Freitas (Humboldt University of Berlin and Thünen Institute)

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee

16:00 - 17:30 Session 10: Local Economic Shocks and Crime

Chair: Prof. Anna Bindler (DIW Berlin)

Lucas Warwar (Stanford University)

The Hidden Recovery: Informality and the Costs of Job Loss

Discussant: Fernanda Almeida Ribeiro de Jesus (Heidelberg University)

Gabriel Rodríguez-Puello (Jönköping International Business School)

Digging for Trouble? Mining Booms, Local Economic Shocks, and Criminal Behavior

Discussant: Evie Ackery (Hertie School)

19:00 Conference Dinner and Awards (by invitation only)

Location: TorEins Berlin (Möckernstraße 26, 10963 Berlin)

Poster Sessions

Poster Session I

Fernanda Almeida Ribeiro de Jesus (Heidelberg University)

Labour Market Integration of EU and Non-EU Migrants (*with Catarina Lauer*)

Alexander Busch (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

Standardized Pay Rates and the Gender Wage Gap (*with Kilian Weil*)

Merilin Martinson (Humboldt University of Berlin)

Gig Economy and Refugee Labour Market Integration: Evidence from a Food Delivery Platform's Rollout in Colombia

Anne Steuernagel (ifo Institute)

Postponing Retirement and Longevity: The Role of Occupations

Sophie Wagner (University of Potsdam)

The Summer Drop in Mothers' Job Search

Kilian Columban Weil (Hertie School)

Sectoral Bargaining and the Wage Structure (*with Alexander Busch*)

Simon Voß (Freie Universität Berlin)

Do Homeless Shelters Increase Local Crime? Evidence from Los Angeles

Poster Session II

Eve Ackery (Hertie School)

Price Incentives and Deforestation: Evidence from Coal Mining in Indonesia

Lucas Erlbacher (Freie Universität Berlin)

The effect of science grants on the research direction of Chinese economists

Dimitria Freitas (Humboldt University of Berlin and Thünen Institute)

The Effect of Public Sector Relocations on Regional Development in Germany

Marc Bachmeier (Freie Universität Berlin)

The effect of international peers on political attitudes of domestic students

Thomas Rieger (DIW Berlin)

Urban Renewal: What Works, and For Whom?

Marco Schmandt (Technische Universität Berlin)

Policy-relevant treatment effects under random group-placement

Poster Session III

Alessia Pulvirenti (Berlin School of Economics and DIW Berlin)

Closing the Loopholes: State Legislation and Intimate Partner Homicides in the United States

Timur Cipa (Humboldt University of Berlin and ISDC)

Social Cohesion in Conflict: Evidence from Sudan

Lennart Jarmolinski (Freie Universität Berlin)

Merit Meets Morale: How Inequality and Meritocratic Beliefs Shape Tax Morale

Niklas Murken (University of Potsdam and RWI)

Migration Networks and Destination Choice in Rural Senegal

Freya Rubel (Freie Universität Berlin)

Environmental Shocks and Female Labor Supply: Evidence from the Dust Bowl

Weiqiang Zhang (Freie Universität Berlin)

Erasing Class: The Rollback of Marxist Political Education and Labor Market Outcomes in China