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Third Freiburg PhD-Workshop on the Economics of Criminal Behavior

PhD-Workshop, September 28 – September 30, 2026
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law

INTRODUCTION

We welcome you to our Institute for the third Freiburg PhD-Workshop on the “Economics of Criminal Behavior”. The event promises unique opportunities for early career researchers to connect with leading experts, engage in lively discussions surrounding the topics of criminal behavior and crime prevention from innovative perspectives, and to present their own ideas and projects for constructive feedback.

TRAVEL INFORMATION: Please note that our workshop will take place in Freiburg im Breisgau (GERMANY) and not in Fribourg (SWITZERLAND). If there is any confusion, please don't hesitate to contact us!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

Opening session

2:00–3:00 pm **Welcome Address & Introduction Round**

3:00–3:30 pm *Coffee break*

Student talks

3:30–4:00 pm **Does Leadership Matter? The Decline of Public Security Reforms**
Mateus de Almeida Maciel (University of Tübingen & RSIT)

4:00–4:30 pm **Stress-Testing the State: Migration Shocks, Institutional Capacity,
and the Erosion of Public Trust**
Francisco Cueto (University of Sussex & Universidad Peruana de
Ciencias Aplicadas)

4:30–5:00 pm **Male Reaction to Female Empowerment: The Case of Italian
Municipality Elections**
Ilaria Beghini (University of Padova)

Evening program

5:30–6:30 pm **MAXLab Tour (Rathausgasse 48, 79098 Freiburg im Breisgau)**

7:00–9:00 pm **Dinner and Discussion at “Primo Market” (Bernhardstraße 6, 79098
Freiburg im Breisgau)**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

Morning session

9:00–12:30 pm **Compact Course “Economics of Crime”**
Tim Friehe (Marburg University)

10:30–11:00 am *In between: coffee break*

12:30–1:30 pm *Lunch break*

Student talks

1:30–2:00 pm **Sanctions, Evasion, and Deterrence: Evidence from Speeding Enforcement**
Maria Wisniewska (Deakin University)

2:00–2:30 pm **Anti-Mafia Screening and Firm Dynamics: Evidence from Italy's 2013 White List Reform**
Matteo Morgia (Collegio Carlo Alberto Turin)

2:30–3:00 pm **Being Tough on Crime: Effects on School Dropout**
Francesco Sbrana (Collegio Carlo Alberto & University of Turin)

3:00–3:30 pm *Coffee break*

3:30–4:00 pm **Distributional Consequences of Police Allocation: Evidence from Chicago**
Abhisit Jiranaphawiboon (Stanford University)

4:00–4:30 pm **The Industrial Organization of Illegal Wildlife Trade in Indonesia**
Wahyu Nurbandi (Princeton University)

4:30–5:00 pm **The Influence of a Quasi-Experimental Increase in Police Presence on Street Crime**
Jonas Dix (Leuphana University Lueneburg)

5:00–5:30 pm *Coffee break*

Evening session

5:30–6:30 pm **Keynote Lecture**
Tom Kirchmaier (London School of Economics)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

Morning session

9:00–12:30 pm **Compact course “Law and Economics”**
Svenja Hippel (University of Bonn)

10:30–11:00 am *In between: coffee break*

12:30–1:30 pm *Lunch break*

Student talks

1:30–2:00 pm **The Right to Be Heard: An RCT on Economizing Procedural Justice**
Massimiliano Pozzi (University of Zurich)

2:00–2:30 pm **From Distant Courts to Local Justice: The Impact of Community Courts on Offenders and Neighbourhoods**
Dmitrii Shchetinin (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

2:30–3:00 pm **Social Exclusion and Cooperation in Prison**
Folan Kagné (Paris School of Economics)

3:00–3:30 pm *Coffee break*

3:30–4:00 pm **Closing the Loopholes: State Legislation and Intimate Partner Homicides in the United States**
Alessia Pulvirenti (DIW Berlin & Berlin School of Economics)

4:00–4:30 pm **The Under-Reporting of Sexual Assault: An Experiment on Victims, Perpetrators, and Social Judgment**
Kennedy Johnston (Texas A&M University)

4:30–5:00 pm **Separating Near and Far: Causal Effect of Abortion Access on Parental Conflict**
Davia Kündig (University of St. Gallen)

5:00–5:30 pm *Coffee break*

Evening session

5:30–6:30 pm **Keynote Lecture**
Kristiina Huttunen (Aalto University)

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7:00–9:00 pm

Dinner and Discussion at “Der Kaiser” (Günterstalstraße 38, 79100 Freiburg im Breisgau)

Compact Courses

Tim Friehe

Economics of Crime

(Tuesday, Sept. 29, 9:00-12:30 pm)

Abstract:

Svenja Hippel

Law and Economics

(Wednesday, Sept. 30, 9:00-12:30 pm)

Abstract:

Keynote Lectures

Tom Kirchmaier

(Tuesday, Sept. 29, 5:30-6:30 pm)

Abstract:

Kristiina Huttunen

(Wednesday, Sept. 30, 5:30-6:30 pm)

Abstract:

Attendees

Participants:

- **Ilaria Beghini**, University of Padova
- **Francisco Cueto**, University of Sussex & Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas
- **Mateus de Almeida Maciel**, University of Tübingen & RSIT
- **Jonas Dix**, Leuphana University Lüneburg
- **Abhisit Jiranaphawiboon**, Stanford University
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- **Maria Wisniewska**, Deakin University

Lecturers:

- **Tim Friehe**, Marburg University
- **Svenja Hippel**, University of Bonn
- **Kristiina Huttunen**, Aalto University
- **Tom Kirchmaier**, London School of Economics

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Place:	Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law, Fürstenbergstr. 19, 79102 Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany)
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