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## ORGANIZATION

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# First Freiburg PhD-Workshop on the Economics of Criminal Behavior

**PhD-Workshop, September 30 – October 2, 2024**  
**Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law**

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## INTRODUCTION

We welcome you to our Institute for the first 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. Moreover, the timing of the Freiburg workshop directly connects it to this year's Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime (TWEC) at ETH Zurich. This allows participants to travel on directly from Freiburg to Zurich (which is just two hours by train).

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

### *Opening session*

**2:00–3:00 pm**      **Welcome address by Jean-Louis van Gelder  
& Introduction round**

**3:00–3:30 pm**      *Coffee break*

### *Student talks*

**3:30–4:00 pm**      **The Extinction Game:  
Why Do Poachers Eliminate their Own Source of Income?  
Julia Schwarz (Kiel University)**

**4:00–4:30 pm**      **Sanctions and Social Norms: An Online Experiment  
Amanda März (Walter Eucken Institute / University of Freiburg)**

**4:30–5:30 pm**      *1 h break (hotel check-in if needed)*

### *Evening program*

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

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

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024

### *Morning session*

**9:00–12:30 pm**      **Compact Course “Economics of Crime”**  
Wladislaw Mill (University of Mannheim)

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

**12:30–1:30 pm**      *Lunch break*

### *Student talks*

**1:30–2:00 pm**      **Prison Break: The Causal Impact of Short Incarceration on  
Recidivism and Labor Market Outcomes in Switzerland**  
Andrea Ghisletta (University of Basel)

**2:00–2:30 pm**      **Longer Prison Time and Non-Incarcerated Peers**  
Daniel Cunha Byström (Gothenburg University)

**2:30–3:00 pm**      **Standing in Prisoners' Shoes: A Randomized Trial on How  
Incarceration Shapes Criminal Justice Attitudes**  
Arto Arman (ETH Zurich)

**3:00–3:30 pm**      *Coffee break*

**3:30–4:00 pm**      **The Effects of Providing Mental Health Therapy and Extended  
Social Services in Pretrial Detention**  
Aljosh Henkel (ETH Zurich | KOF Swiss Economic Institute)

**4:00–4:30 pm**      **The Effect of Health at Birth on Adolescent Crime**  
Catherine Ojo (University of Surrey)

**4:30–5:00 pm**      **COVID-19 Lockdowns, Crime and Domestic Violence: Evidence  
from Italy**  
Andrea Montalbano (Free University of Bolzano)

**5:00–5:30 pm**      *Coffee break*

### *Evening session*

**5:30–6:30 pm**      **Keynote Lecture**  
Anna Bindler (DIW Berlin & University of Potsdam)

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024

### *Morning session*

9:00–12:30 pm      **Compact course “Economics of Crime”**

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

12:30–1:30 pm      *Lunch break*

### *Student talks*

1:30–2:00 pm      **Crime and Firms: Evidence from Brazil**  
Beatriz Ribeiro (London School of Economics)

2:00–2:30 pm      **Transit Migration and Crime: Evidence from Colombia**  
Ramon Rey (University of Freiburg)

2:30–3:00 pm      **Benefits Cuts and Crime: Evidence from the Netherlands**  
Ines Picard (Crest-Genes-Institut Polytechnique de Paris)

3:00–3:30 pm      *Coffee break*

3:30–4:00 pm      **How Do Criminally Active People Discount the Future?**  
Omair Gill (UC Berkeley)

4:00–4:30 pm      **The Effect of Culture on Tax Compliance:  
An Artefactual Field Experiment in South Tyrol**  
Robin Scheuch (Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective  
Goods)

4:30–5:00 pm      **Police Presence and Crime:  
Evidence from Speed Limit Enforcement Campaigns**  
Seraphin Schwarzbauer (Catholic University of Eichstaett-  
Ingolstadt)

5:00–5:30 pm      *Coffee break*

### *Evening session*

5:30–6:30 pm      **Keynote Lecture**  
Christian Traxler (Hertie School Berlin)

7:00–9:00 pm      **Dinner at “Der Kaiser” (Günterstalstraße 38, 79100 Freiburg)**

## Keynote Lectures

**Anna Bindler**

(Tuesday, Oct. 1, 5:30-6:30 pm)

*Abstract: The economics of crime literature has for a long time focused on offending behavior and crime control. In this lecture, I will speak about the social cost of crime and recent advances in research on the economics of victimization. I will draw on some of my own work on the risk factors and economic consequences of victimization, and highlight some of the work that has been done in the context of domestic violence.*

**Christian Traxler**

(Wednesday, Oct. 2, 5:30-6:30 pm)

*Abstract: In this lecture, I will summarize research documenting direct and indirect effects of enforcement interventions. Drawing on my work on the enforcement of TV license fees and speed limits, I will summarize evidence on specific and general deterrence effects. I will highlight the role of enforcement spillovers and discuss external validity as well as broader policy implications.*

## Attendees

### Participants:

- **Arto Arman**, ETH Zurich
- **Daniel Cunha Byström**, Gothenburg University
- **Andrea Ghisletta**, University of Basel
- **Omair Gill**, UC Berkeley
- **Aljosa Henkel**, ETH Zurich – KOF Swiss Economic Institute
- **Amanda März**, Walter Eucken Institute / University of Freiburg
- **Andrea Montalbano**, Free University of Bolzano
- **Catherine Ojo**, University of Surrey
- **Ines Picard**, Crest-Genes-Institut Polytechnique de Paris
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- **Robin Scheuch**, Max Planck Institute for the Research on Collective Goods
- **Julia Schwarz**, Kiel University
- **Seraphin Schwarzbauer**, Catholic University of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt

### Lecturers:

- **Anna Bindler**, DIW Berlin & University of Potsdam
- **Wladislaw Mill**, University of Mannheim
- **Christian Traxler**, Hertie School Berlin

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## ORGANIZATION

- Date:** September 30 – October 2, 2024
- Place:** Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law,  
Fürstenbergstr. 19,  
79102 Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany)
- Host:** Independent Max Planck Research Group  
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