

FINAL REPORT

1st FREIBURG PHD-WORKSHOP ON THE ECONOMICS OF CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR

Background

The 1st Freiburg PhD-Workshop on the Economics of Criminal Behavior took place September 30 to October 2, 2024. It offered 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 own ideas and projects for constructive feedback. The timing of the workshop directly connected it to the 2024 Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime ('TWECC') at ETH Zurich.



Attendants (from top left, * = presenters): Robin Scheuch* (MPI Bonn), Omair Gill* (UC Berkeley), Seraphin Schwarzbauer* (CU Eichstätt-Ingolstadt), Arto Arman* (ETH Zurich), Daniel Cunha Byström* (U Gothenburg), Monica Beeder (Norwegian School of Economics), Catherine Ojo* (U Surrey), Aljosha Henkel* (ETH Zurich & Swiss Economic Institute), Julia Teufel (MPI Freiburg), Christian Traxler (Hertie School Berlin), Amanda März* (Walter Eucken Institute Freiburg), Andrea Ghisletta* (U Basel), Anna Bindler (DIW Berlin & U Potsdam), Andrea Montalbano* (FU Bolzano), Hannes Rusch (MPI Freiburg & U Maastricht), Ramon Rey* (U Freiburg), Ge-wei Cao (MPI Freiburg), Julia Schwarz* (U Kiel), Wladislaw Mill (U Mannheim), Beatriz Ribeiro* (London School of Economics), Ines Picard* (CREST Paris), Maximilian Lukas Schmitt (MPI Freiburg)

KEY FACTS

- **2.5-day program** with 14 student talks, 2 keynote lectures, and 1 compact course
- **Keynote speakers & lecturer**
 - ▶ **Anna Bindler** (DIW & Uni Potsdam)
 - ▶ **Christian Traxler** (Hertie School Berlin)
 - ▶ **Wladislaw Mill** (Uni Mannheim)
- We received **46 applications from 17 countries**.
- **Overall rating 4.7 (of 5)** in anonymous feedback survey.

Program

Day 1: welcome, PhD presentations, MAXLab tour, joint dinner

Day 2: course I, lunch, PhD presentations, keynote I, free evening

Day 3: course II, lunch, PhD presentations, keynote II, joint dinner

The student presentations showcased the variety of topics studied and methods used in current Economics of Crime, ranging from tax evasion to prison research and applied microeconomics to RCTs.

The compact course spanned from the beginnings of the Economics of Crime literature to current NBER papers, emphasizing emerging methods and topics in the field.

Out keynote speakers Anna Bindler and Christian Traxler gave comprehensive overviews of their work on victimization and deterrence.

What participants say:

'Fantastic workshop. Great atmosphere – very constructive & super friendly.'

'Really good. I particularly liked that PhD-students who all work on the Economics of Crime could meet to discuss topics within their field.'

Organizers

- Dr. Dr. Hannes **Rusch**
- Dr. Maximilian Lukas **Schmitt**

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