First Annual Meeting on the Economics of Risky Behaviors (AMERB)

Organizers: Amelie F. Constant (DIWDC, George Washington University and IZA), Erdal Tekin (Georgia State University and IZA)
Place: Washington, DC
Date: March 20, 2009 - March 22, 2009

Program

Friday, March 20:

08:30 - 09:00  Registration / Coffee / Tea / Pastries

09:00 - 09:15  Welcoming Comments by:
 Amelie F. Constant (DIWDC, George Washington University and IZA),
 Erdal Tekin (Georgia State University and IZA)

 Session I: Risky Behaviors and Children
 Chair: Amelie F. Constant (DIWDC, George Washington University and IZA)

09:15 - 10:15  Keith Finlay (Tulane University), David Neumark (University of California, Irvine and IZA)
 "Is Marriage Always Good for Children? Evidence from Families Affected by Incarceration"
 Discussant: David C. Ribar (University of North Carolina, Greensboro and IZA)

10:15 - 11:15  Kristiina Hut tunnels (Labour Institute for Economic Research), Ville Mäkönen (Government Institute for Economic Research), Sari Pekkala Kerr (Boston University and CRA International)
 "The Rehabilitative Effects of Criminal Sanctions: Evidence from a Juvenile Punishment Experiment"
 Discussant: Dean Jolliffe (U.S. Department of Agriculture and IZA)

11:15 - 11:30  Coffee / Tea Break
11:30 - 12:30  Keynote Address:  
Alfred Blumstein (Carnegie Mellon Heinz College)  
"Risky Behavior in Crime and the Criminal Justice System"

12:30 - 13:45  Lunch (and photo shoot)

Session II: Drugs, Pharmaceuticals, Crime, and Employment  
Chair: Erdal Tekin (Georgia State University and IZA)

13:45 - 14:45  Dave E. Marcotte (University of Maryland, Baltimore County and IZA), Sara Markowitz (Emory University)  
Discussant: Philip J. Cook (Duke University)

14:45 - 15:45  Abigail Wozniak (University of Notre Dame and IZA)  
"Employer Drug Screening and Employment Outcomes"  
Discussant: Peter Reuter (University of Maryland)

15:45 - 16:00  Coffee / Tea Break

16:00 - 17:00  Julio Cáceres-Delpiano (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid), Eugenio Giolito (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and IZA)  
"The Impact of Unilateral Divorce on Crime"  
Discussant: Gulcin Gumus (Florida International University and IZA)

19:00  Reception at DIWDC

Saturday, March 21:

08:30 - 09:00  Coffee / Tea / Pastries

Session III: Risky Sexual Behaviors  
Chair: Klaus F. Zimmermann (IZA, DIW Berlin and Bonn University)

09:00 - 10:00  Aureo de Paula (University of Pennsylvania), Gil Shapira (University of Pennsylvania), Petra E. Todd (University of Pennsylvania and IZA)  
"How Beliefs about HIV Status Affect Risky Behaviors: Evidence from Malawi"  
Discussant: Daniel I. Rees (University of Colorado Denver)

10:00 - 11:00  Berk Özler (World Bank), Sarah Baird (University of California, San Diego), Craig McIntosh (University of California, San Diego)  
"Schooling and Risky Sexual Behavior: The Design, Implementation, and Short Term Impacts of a Conditional Cash Transfer Program in Malawi"  
Discussant: Petra E. Todd (University of Pennsylvania and IZA)

11:00 - 11:15  Coffee / Tea Break

11:15 - 12:15  Joseph J. Sabia (American University), Daniel I. Rees (University of Colorado Denver)  
"The Price of Promiscuity: Does the Number of Sex Partners Affect School Attainment?"  
Discussant: Alison Cuellar (RAND)

12:15 - 13:15  Scott Cunningham (Baylor University), Todd Kendall (Compass Lexecon Consulting, Inc.)  
"Prostitution 2.0 – How the Internet has Changed the Market for Prostitution Services"  
Discussant: Deborah Cobb-Clark (Australian National University and IZA)

13:15 - 14:30  Special Luncheon Address:  
Stefan LoBuglio (Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation)  
"Minimizing the Risk of Prisoners' Reentry into the Community"
Session IV: Risky Behaviors and Adulthood  
Chair: Barry T. Hirsch (Georgia State University and IZA)

14:30 - 15:30  
Daniel Kuehn (Urban Institute), Jennifer Macomber (Urban Institute), Mike Pergamit (Urban Institute), Tracy Vericker (Urban Institute)  
"Vulnerabilities, Risk Behavior, and the Transition to Adulthood"  
Discussant: Liliana Winkelmann (University of Zurich)

15:30 - 16:30  
Rodrigo Pinto (University of Chicago), James Heckman (University of Chicago and IZA), Hongbo Wang (University of Chicago)  
"Determinants of Risk Behaviors in Early Adulthood: Interplay of Cognitive Ability, Noncognitive Skills, and Health"  
Discussant: Pierre Pestieau (CREPP, Université de Liège and IZA)

16:30 - 16:45  
Coffee / Tea Break

Session V: Alcohol Abuse  
Chair: Rainer Winkelmann (University of Zurich and IZA)

16:45 - 17:45  
Emily G. Owens (Cornell University), C. Kirabo Jackson (Cornell University)  
"One for the Road: Public Transportation, Alcohol Consumption, and Intoxicated Driving"  
Discussant: Victoria A. Greenfield (U.S. Naval Academy)

17:45 - 18:45  
Manuela Angelucci (University of Arizona and IZA)  
"Love on the Rocks: Aggressive Behavior and Alcohol Abuse in Rural Mexico"  
Discussant: Jason Fletcher (Yale University)

19:30  
Conference Dinner  
Honored Speaker: Klaus F. Zimmermann (IZA, DIW Berlin and Bonn University)

Sunday, March 22:

09:00 - 09:30  
Coffee / Tea / Pastries

Session VI: Crime in Germany and the Netherlands  
Chair: Deborah Cobb-Clark (Australian National University and IZA)

09:30 - 10:30  
Horst Entorf (University of Frankfurt and IZA), Hannes Spengler (University of Applied Sciences Mainz and DIW Berlin)  
"Is Being 'Soft on Crime' the Solution to Rising Crime Rates? Evidence from Germany"  
Discussant: Gil S. Epstein (Bar-Ilan University and IZA)

10:30 - 11:30  
Aico van Vuuren (Free University Amsterdam), Pieter Gautier (Free University Amsterdam and IZA), Arjen Siegmann (Free University Amsterdam)  
"Terrorism and Attitudes towards Minorities: The Effect of the Theo van Gogh Murder on House Prices in Amsterdam"  
Discussant: Peter L. Hinrichs (Georgetown University)

11:30 - 11:45  
Coffee / Tea Break

Session VII: Obesity among Adults in the US  
Chair: Erdal Tekin (Georgia State University and IZA)

11:45 - 12:45  
Leslie S. Stratton (Virginia Commonwealth University and IZA), Charlene M. Kalenkoski (Ohio University)  
"Time Use and Weight Status: An Analysis of Adults"  
Discussant: Laura Argys (University of Colorado Denver)

12:45 - 13:00  
Closing Remarks by:  
Amelie F. Constant (DIWDC, George Washington University and IZA),  
Erdal Tekin (Georgia State University and IZA)

13:00 - 14:30  
Farewell Lunch