



24th May 2021

RESEARCH SEMINAR ECONOMIC HISTORY, GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT*

We invite all researchers and students to discuss! The upcoming presentation takes place **Thursday 3rd June 2021**:

Speaker:

Dr. Florian Ploeckl (Senior Lecturer in Economics, University of Adelaide)

Title:

National rules, regional differences? Regional productivity, efficiency, and political preferences in the case of the German *Reichspost*

Public monopolies operated historically (and still do today) with substantial regional productivity differences despite uniform national rules. The *Reichspost*, the German Imperial Postal Service in the late 19th century, was no exception. This paper tracks regional differences in the efficiency of its service provision and investigates geographic, economic, social, and political explanatory factors. Besides others, a higher conservative vote share is associated with a higher inefficiency, indicating an overprovision of input factors in those regions. This political capture explains about a third of all inefficiency and represents about 3% of operating expenses.

Date: 03.06.2021

Time: 16:30 (4:30 p.m.)

Place: online (Internet browser: Firefox or Chrome recommended)

Please contact Dr. Albers for link and password.

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