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1. New PhD and master courses started

This month, the Heinrich-Heine University started its new [graduate school in economics](#). Each year, the university will offer up to six new PhD scholarships for research in the fields of industrial/competition economics. Outstanding students holding a Master's degree will get intensive training in analytical methods and quantitative analysis, which will prepare them for successful research.

Likewise, this term our faculty started its new [master program](#) in economics. As we restrict the program to a small number of students, we can create an atmosphere which offers an outstanding learning experience for our students. Small groups in class and a good balance between theory and practice allow for more interaction between students, further enhancing the learning experience.

2. Media coverage about the DICE

- ["Fairer prices for water"](#), Justus Haucap & Jürgen Kühling, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, June 24 (in German).
- ["A present for Düsseldorf - The eco-friendly home for economists"](#), WDR TV, June 26 (in German).
- ["Network neutrality - The controversy about priorities in the internet"](#), Handelsblatt, July 18 (in German).
- ["Forensic cartel research"](#), Justus Haucap & Luis Manuel Schultz, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, August 19 (in German).
- ["Which journals do economists read?"](#), Justus Haucap & Johannes Muck, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, September 5 (in German).
- ["Women are better dictators"](#), Holger Rau et al., Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung, September 11 (in German)
- ["Torben Stühmeier acknowledged with prize of the Goethe Bookstore"](#), Rheinische Post, October 13 (in German).

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3. Research grants for experimental research

Hans-Theo Normann and his team have been awarded a [140,000 Euro grant](#) by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) for a two-year research project on "Explicit versus implicit collusion in oligopoly – evidence from laboratory experiments". On October 11, Normann presented previous research about this topic at the [Antitrust Division of the US Department of Justice](#).

Furthermore, Justus Haucap and Hans-Theo Normann received a grant of 38,000 Euro from the Federal State Government of North-Rhine Westphalia. The money will be dedicated to experimental research on gender-specific behavior.

4. Job opening: W2-professorship in Applied Microeconomics

We seek to fill [one position at the professor level \(W2\) in Applied Microeconomics \(public finance, labor economics, law and economics, IO, etc.\) beginning in 2012](#). A theoretical, experimental, or empirical focus are equally welcomed. The position is offered for a five year period (no tenure track). The teaching load generally corresponds to nine academic hours (45 minutes) per week during the semester. All teaching can be conducted in English. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in economics or a relevant related field and must demonstrate strong research potential through publications in international journals as well as the ability to raise external financial funds.

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5. Justus Haucap new editor of "Wirtschaft und Wettbewerb"

In September, Justus Haucap joined the editorial board of ["Wirtschaft and Wettbewerb"](#), one of Germany's most distinguished journals for European and German competition and cartel law as well as applied research in competition policy. Haucap succeeds Lars-Hendrik Röller, the former chief economist of the European Commission's Directorate General for Competition and the new economic advisor to chancellor Angela Merkel.

6. Research prize for Torben Stühmeier

Torben Stühmeier's dissertation was acknowledged with the (5,000 Euro worth) [research prize from the Goethe-Bookstore in Düsseldorf](#) as this year's best dissertation at the HHU's Faculty for Business and Economics. In his dissertation ("[On Competition and Regulation in Media and Telecommunications Markets](#)"), Torben analyzed the competition and incentive effects of regulations in the media and telecommunications markets. Torben is currently spending a year as a post-doctoral researcher at the Florence School of Regulation at the European University Institute after winning a Jean Monnet Fellowship. Press coverage (in German): [Rheinische Post, October 13](#).

7. Research seminar: Winter 2011

The DICE research seminar takes place on Tuesdays, 4.15 - 5.45 p.m., in room S2 in building 24.31 (Oeconomicum). Guests are most welcome!

- October 25: Hans-Werner Sinn (LMU München), "[Die Staatsschuldenkrise in Europa – Wie steht es um den Euro?](#)"
- November 8: Jens Prüfer (Tilburg University)
- November 29: Hans Peter Grüner (Universität Mannheim)
- December 6: Stephan Behringer (Universität Bonn)
- December 7: Roman Inderst (Universität Frankfurt)
- December 13: Jörg Oechssler (Universität Heidelberg)
- December 20: Klaus Gugler (Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien)
- January 17: Dietmar Harhoff (LMU München)
- January 24: Dirk Engelmann (Universität Mannheim)
- January 31: Eric Darmon (University of Rennes 1)

8. New publications

- Tomaso Duso, Klaus Gugler & Burcin B. Yurtoglu, "How Effective is European Merger Control?", January 2011, **European Economic Review**, 55 (2011), pp. 980-1006. [[DP version](#)]
- Irina Suleymanova & Christian Wey, "On the Role of Consumer Expectations in Markets with Network Effects", November 2010, **Journal of Economics**, forthcoming. [[DP version](#)]
- Hans-Theo Normann & Brian Wallace, "The Impact of the Termination Rule on Cooperation in a Prisoner's Dilemma Experiment", May 2011, **International Journal of Game Theory**, forthcoming. [[DP version](#)]
- A. Nazif Catik & Mehmet Karaçuka, "The Bank Lending Channel in Turkey: Has it Changed after the Low Inflation Regime?", September 2011, **Applied Economics Letters**, forthcoming. [[DP version](#)]
- Irina Suleymanova & Christian Wey, "Bertrand Competition in Markets with Network Effects and Switching Costs", August 2011, **B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy**, Vol. 11 (1) (Contributions), Article 56. [[DP version](#)]
- Mehmet Karaçuka & A. Nazif Catik, "A Spatial Approach to Measure Productivity Spillovers of Foreign Affiliated Firms in Turkish Manufacturing Industries", May 2011, **Journal of Developing Areas**, forthcoming. [[DP version](#)]
- Ralf Dewenter & Jürgen Rösch, "[Newspaper Habit](#)", August 2011, **Economics Bulletin**, 31(4), pp. 2884-2889.
- Joseph A. Clougherty & Tomaso Duso, "Using Rival Effects to Identify Synergies and Improve Merger Typologies", June 2011, **Strategic Organization**, forthcoming. [[DP version](#)]

9. New discussion papers

- Clemence Christin, Jean-Philippe Nicolai & Jerome Pouyet, "[The Role of Abatement Technologies for Allocating Free](#)"

[Allowances](#)", October 2011, DICE discussion paper series, No. 34.

- Claudia Keser, Irina Suleymanova & Christian Wey, "[Technology Adoption in Markets with Network Effects: Theory and Experimental Evidence](#)", October 2011, DICE discussion paper series, No. 33.
- Achim Hauck, Ulrike Neyer & Thomas Vieten, "[Reestablishing Stability and Avoiding a Credit Crunch: Comparing Different Bad Bank Schemes](#)", August 2011, DICE discussion paper series, No.31.
- Torben Stühmeier, "[Access Regulation with Asymmetric Termination Costs](#)", July 2011, DICE discussion paper series, No. 29.
- Ralf Dewenter, Justus Haucap & Tobias Wenzel, "[On File Sharing with Indirect Network Effects Between Concert Ticket Sales and Music Recordings](#)", July 2011, DICE discussion paper series, No. 28.

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