



IHS Newsletter February



IHS Blog: What to Expect from the Outbreak of the Corona Virus

The coronavirus 2019 has already been described in the media as the trigger of a possible pandemic. In an article for the IHS blog, Thomas Czypionka and Miriam Reiss provide a first assessment of the social and economic effects of the outbreak.



5th ATHEA Conference for Health Economics

The fifth ATHEA conference for health economics will take place on February 28 at IHS. This year's conference will place an emphasis on digital solutions and personalized medicine as drivers of change in the health system. Keynote speeches will be held by Professor Jeanette Brosig-Koch, from the University of Duisburg-Essen and Professor Jonas Schreyögg, from the University of Hamburg.



Spotlight: Vlasta Zucha

Vlasta Zucha has been at IHS since autumn 2019 – marking her return, since she was already employed at the institute at the end of her studies. In the meantime, the sociologist was responsible for the micro census housing survey at Statistics Austria. In her interview, Vlasta talks about the overcome challenges, new tasks and the differentiated higher education sector.

News Highlights

Annual Theme 2020: Digitization and Open Science

Our focus for 2020 is digitization and open science. In addition to events such as the Open Up!-Exhibition or the Long Night of Research, we will place a stronger emphasis this year on digitization and open science.

Op-ed: Commuter allowance

Benjamin Bittschi wrote an op-ed for the Austrian daily Der Standard, arguing on the inefficiency of the commuter allowance in terms of distribution policy.

IDHEAS Workshop – Data Envelopment Analysis

On March 5 and 6 the [IDHEAS Workshop](#) on Data Envelope Analysis will take place at the IHS. Registration is still possible until February 10 by contacting event@ihs.ac.at. The keynotes will be given by Professor Finn Førsund, Professor Sverre Kittelsen, from the University of Oslo, and Professor Mikuláš Luptáčík, from the Vienna University of Economics and Business.

2. Vienna Workshop on Economic Forecasting

June 4 to 5 2020, the second workshop on Economic Forecasting will take place at the IHS. Abstracts can be [submitted online until the end of February](#).

Save the Date: Lange Nacht der Forschung

On May 8, the next Long Night of Research (LNF) will take place. For the first time, the IHS will also take part in this Austria-wide event and offer an insight into the research conducted at the Institute with a diverse program encompassing workshops and lectures. Save the date!

Evaluation 2019

Last year, the IHS was evaluated by an international panel of experts at our own request. The chairman of the committee, Achim Wambach, President of the Center for European Economic Research, presented the first results on January 21.

Publications

IHS Policy Brief: Current Account between the Euro area und China – A reason for concern?

In the first IHS Policy Brief of the year, Klaus Weyerstrass analyzes the growing importance of China in the global economy, which is increasingly causing concern among political decision-makers in Europe.

IHS Working Paper 11: Capital Income Taxation

Jaroslava Hlouskova and Tsigaris Panagiotis have published the IHS Working Paper *capital income taxation under full loss offset provisions of a prospect theory investor*.

IHS Working Paper 12: Repeated Public Good Provision

Axel Sonntag, Jia Liu and Daniel John Zizzo wrote the IHS Working Paper *information defaults in repeated public good provision*.

Insight Austria Blog: Behavioral Economics in Family and Pension Policy

In the current Insight Austria blog, Florian Spitzer deals with automatic pension splitting.

All current publications of IHS staff can be found in the [Institutional Repository](#).

Events Calendar

- 28.02: [5. ATHEA Conference for Health Economics](#)
- 05.03: [IDHEAS Workshop – Data Envelopment Analysis](#)
- 08.05: [Lange Nacht der Forschung](#)

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