

7th NOeG WU Winter Workshop

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**Venue: WELTHANDELSPLATZ 1,
Building AD ([AD.0.114 meeting room 1](#) - ground floor)**



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Session Ground Rules

- Participation in all sessions is encouraged.
- 25 minutes including (!) general discussion are reserved for each presentation.
- The last presenter of the session acts as the chairperson.

Wednesday, 17th December 2025

12:00-13:00 Registration

13:00-14:30 **Session 1 (Labour and Health Economics)**

- Nicolò Borri (CEU): How teams substitute workers: evidence from the healthcare sector
- René Karadakic (Harvard): The Value of (Sub)Specialization: Evidence from Oncology
- Lukas Lehner (University of Edinburgh): Worker Beliefs about Employment Risk

14:30-14:45 Coffee Break

14:45-16:15 **Session 2 (Housing and Survey Data)**

- Sofie Walzl (University of Cambridge): Reach Me if You Can: How to Boost Participation of Rich Households in Wealth Surveys?
- Michael Berger (University of Helsinki): Buy or rent? Mental health risk trade-offs from involuntary job loss between home ownership and mortgage debt
- Philipp Hilmbauer (CEU): From Economics of Density to Economics of Destiny? Bombs, Housing and Inequality in Vienna

16:15-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-17:30 **Session 3 (Econometric Methods)**

- Nikolas Kuschnig (Monash University): Testing for Influential Sets
- Klaus Ackermann (Monash University): Global-Deep Synthetic Control: A Heterogeneous Treatment Effect Estimator for Shared Market

17:30-18:00 Break

18:00-19:30 **Keynote:**

Arif Husain (UN World Food Programme): The Hunger Emergency: How Global Hunger is Shaped by Complex Forces and Why We Must Act Now.

(Library & Learning Center - Ceremonial Hall 1)

19:30 Welcome Reception (drinks and cold snacks provided)

Thursday, 18th December 2025

10:00-11:30 **Session 4 (Macroeconomic Modelling)**

- Martin Groiss (Universität Duisburg-Essen): The Asymmetric Effects of Monetary Policy on Wage Inequality
- Valentin Winkler (Columbia University): (When and Why) State Dependent Local Projections Work
- Philipp Steinbrunner (Syddansk Universitet): The inverted U actually is an N. On the N-shaped relationship between economic development and environmental degradation

11:30-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-13:00 **Presidential Address**

- Agnes Kügler (WIFO)

13:00-14:30 **Lunch**

14:30-16:00 **Session 5 (Applied Econometrics, Data Science and Forecasting)**

- Maximilian Propst (University of Cyprus): Social Curves: A Spatial Functional Regression Approach
- Maximilian Rohrer (Norwegian School of Economics): Active Machine Learning Based Trading and Mutual Fund Performance
- Helena Fornwagner (University of Exeter): Accuracy, Optimism and Gender in Business Cycle Forecasting

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-17:45 **Session 6 (Cars, Councils and Commodities)**

- Thomas Wiedenhofer (University of Mannheim): Binding Emission Standards in the European Car Market
- Severin Rapp (CUNY Graduate Center): The Good Council: Deliberating inequality in a field experiment
- Rotem Zelingher (WU Vienna): Forecasting Agricultural Commodity Prices Using Accessible Information - An Explainable Multi-Method Approach

18:15 Conference Dinner: Gasthaus Hansy, Heinestraße 42, 1020 Wien (Praterstern)

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