

Greetings

Lectures in Hamburg have begun in early October. The new year brings yet another enlargement of the EMLE program. The Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research at Mumbai and the Warsaw School of Economics are new EMLE partners and offer teaching beginning in Summer 2011.

Academic research in L&E can be of great interest to the general public. Research into both the economic effects of direct democracy as well as its consequences on the political process is subject of research by Stefan Voigt. Two initiatives – one in Bavaria and the other one in Hamburg – led to an intense debate to introduce direct democratic institutions on the federal level in Germany. Voigt has been giving interviews for TV, radio and the national as well as the international press. Findings of L&E research have thus made their mark on an important public debate [1], [2], [3].

Nora El-Bialy and Jerg Gutmann join the ILE. We welcome them to the team.

Cordially yours,

Thomas Eger, Patrick Leyens and Stefan Voigt

- Call for [applications](#) for a scholarship at the Graduate School in Law & Economics -

Hamburg Lectures on Law & Economics

– 21 October 2010: Opening lecture 2010/11: Opportunities for and Limits to Economic Analysis in Public International Law, Anne van Aaken (University of St. Gallen) [\[more\]](#).

– 28 October 2010: Optimal Protection of International Law, Joost Pauwelyn, (University of Neuchatel) [\[more\]](#).

– The full 2010/11 program is available [here](#).

Hamburg Law & Economics Society

– Justus Haucap, chairman of the Monopolies Commission in Germany, addresses members of the Hamburg Law & Economics Society on 03 November 2010 at the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce. He talks about “Antitrust Policy after the Crisis”. His talk starts at 18:00. You are cordially invited to attend.

– The HLES is a club of professionals interested to keep in touch with current developments in Law and Economics.

Research

– Blume, Lorenz & Stefan Voigt (2010): Does Organizational Design of Supreme Audit Institutions Matter? A Cross-country Assessment, forthcoming in: *European Journal of Political Economy* [\[more\]](#).

– Eger, Thomas (2010): Kommentar zu Philipp Harms: Was wissen wir über die Qualität der Institutionen?, in: Uwe Vollmer (ed.): *Institutionelle Ursachen des Wohlstands der Nationen*, Schriften des Vereins für Socialpolitik, Berlin: Duncker und Humblot, pp. 131-134 [\[more\]](#).

– Eger, Thomas & Peter Weise (2009): Harm and Damages as Economic and Legal Categories in Antitrust Law, Czech translation, in: Luboš Tichý et al. (eds.): *Soukromé vymáhání kartelového práva*, Prague, pp. 29-42.

– Hayo, Bernd & Stefan Voigt (2010): Determinants of Constitutional Change: Why Do Countries Change their Form of Government?, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 38(3), pp. 283-305 [\[more\]](#).

– Leyens, Patrick C. (2010): Aufsichtsrat: Terra incognita des englischen Gesellschaftsrechts?, in: Stefan Grundmann et al. (eds.): *Festschrift für Klaus J. Hopt zum 70. Geburtstag*, Berlin: de Gruyter, Vol. 2., pp. 3125-3147 [\[more\]](#).

– Leyens, Patrick C. (2010): Empirical Law and Economics: The Societas Europaea and its use within Europe (Comment on Contribution by Horst Eidenmüller et al.), in: Alessio M. Paces, (ed.): *The Law and Economics of Corporate Governance: Changing Perspectives*, Cheltenham & Northampton: Edward Elgar, pp. 117-121 [\[more\]](#).

– Leyens, Patrick C. (2010): Finanzmarktregulierung: Reform zwischen öffentlichem und privatem Recht, *Anwaltsblatt*, pp. 584-588 [\[more\]](#).

– Leyens, Patrick C. & Hendrik Doobe (2010): Anmerkung zu BGH, Urteil vom 30.03.2010 – XI ZR 200/09 (Zwangsvollstreckung für den Zessionar aus einer formularmäßigen Unterwerfungserklärung), *Verbraucher und Recht*, pp. 302-305 [\[more\]](#).

– Voigt, Stefan (2010): On the Optimal Number of Courts, available at SSRN [\[more\]](#).

– Voigt, Stefan (2010): Positive Constitutional Economics II - A Survey of Recent Developments, forthcoming in: *Public Choice* [\[more\]](#).

Graduate School in Law & Economics

– New doctoral scholarships awarded. Student profiles can be found on the Graduate School's website [\[more\]](#).

– The Graduate School invites applications for one more doctoral scholarship [\[more\]](#).

– In November and December 2010 Eberhard Feess and Francesco Parisi give lectures on Advanced Microeconomics and Comparative Law and Economics at the Graduate School.

European Master in Law & Economics (EMLE)

– Record number of 103 new EMLE students in the academic year 2010/11. The **preponed application deadlines** for the academic year 2011/12 are 15 November 2010 for third country students and 10 January 2010 for European students [\[more\]](#).

– Call for Papers for the 2011 Rotterdam workshop in Law & Economics [\[more\]](#).

European Doctorate in Law & Economics (EDLE)

– Since October 2010 EDLE is an Erasmus Mundus excellence program funded by the European Commission.

– EDLE welcomes 14 new participants in 2010/11 [\[more\]](#).

– EDLE launches book series “European Studies in Law and Economics” at Intersentia Publishers [\[more\]](#).