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INVITATION

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On the topic:

"Reasoning with Models in Thought Experiments: Applying Häggqvist's Template to Game Theory and Economics"

A central theme in methodology of economics is reconstructing how economists reason with models (see Sugden 2002, Morgan 2012, Jhun 2021, Linsbichler 2023, and many others). Acknowledging that the role of thought experiments in economics as well as the relation between thought experiments and models are contested (see e.g. Reiss 2016, Thoma 2016), this paper provides an account of reasoning with models as centrepieces of thought experiments.

Numerous thought experiments can be reconstructed as one or more arguments (Norton 2004). More specifically, many thought experiments in philosophy and the natural sciences can even be spelled out by one argument template (Häggqvist 2009). This paper substantiates the applicability of Häggqvist's template and of its refinement devised by Linsbichler and da Cunha (2023a, 2023b) to economics. Consequently, at least some instances of thought experimenting in economics are compatible with strict empiricism.

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Starting time: 5.15 p.m.

Location: HS 111.21/Beethovenstraße 8/2

All professors, lecturers, assistants and students are cordially invited to this lecture!