Invitation to DAVeMoS seminar on "Impacts of Stay-At-Home Policy under the COVID-19 Pandemic on Post-Pandemic Economic Activities: Global Evidence from Major Cities"

Date: Thursday, 26.06.2025, 15:30 to 17:00
Location: Universität für Bodenkultur, Ilse-Wallentin-Haus, Seminar room 5/ILWA 3-05 (3rd Floor)
Peter-Jordan-Straße 82, 1190 Wien & Online (via Zoom)
Zoom-Meeting https://bokuvienna.zoom.us/j/66057837505
(Meeting ID: 660 5783 7505)

Speakers

Prof. Hironori Kato is a full professor at the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Tokyo. His main research concerns are transportation planning and policy, transportation economics, and finance, notably in Asian developing economies. He has worked for international development projects as a technical advisor to Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) while he has engaged in many international projects organized by international institutions such as the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the International Transport Forum (ITF) in Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Ms. Miu Endo is a student in the Master Program of the University of Tokyo. She has completed her undergraduate study under a supervision of Prof. Kato in 2024 and has been staying at TU Wien as an exchange master student.

Summary: This presentation is divided into two parts. In the first part, Professor Kato will provide an overview of transportation research conducted at the International Project (IP) Lab within the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Tokyo. In the second part, Ms. Miu Endo will present findings from her recent study at the IP Lab. Her research, conducted as part of her undergraduate thesis, empirically examines the impact of stay-at-home policies during the COVID-19 pandemic on post-pandemic economic activity in urban centres. Utilizing a global dataset covering major cities, the study adopts a quasi-experimental design. Economic activity is proxied by annual night time light intensity measured at a 15 arc-second grid-cell resolution. The analysis employs a difference-in-differences approach, applied after a global matching process encompassing 304 major cities over the period from 2016 to 2022.

The event will take place in person at BOKU (see map below) but can also be accessed online via Zoom (see link on top).

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