

2021 Essen Economics of Mental Health Workshop

July 19 – 21, 2021 – Zoom

Description

Worldwide one in five adults have a diagnosable mental illness. Mental illness is extremely costly to society, but mental illness is not only special because it is costly and widespread. Beyond issues around stigmatization, under provision of cost-effective treatments, mental health problems have a distinctive age-profile.

Half of those with a lifetime mental health problem first experience symptoms by age 14, and 75% before they reach their mid-twenties. The conditions are often persistent and recurrent affecting the entire work-life of these individuals.

Application

Please submit a paper by 15th of May 2021 via the workshop [website](#).

Neither workshop nor special issue have fees!

Call for Papers

This workshop aims to gather (junior) researchers with an interest in applying the tools of economics to problems surrounding mental health. Empirical analyses in this field are especially encouraged for submission, but theoretical work is also welcome. The workshop is not the correct venue for routine applications of cost-effectiveness analysis and pure costing analyses. The primary selection criteria is academic quality. For further details, please consult the [application page](#).

In contrast to other events, **discussants and not authors** will present their work to stimulate discussion.

Special Issue

We are happy to announce that the workshop will have a special issue in **Health Economics**. Edited by C. Kronenberg & E. Golberstein. Please indicate in your submission to the workshop, whether you are also submitting to the special issue. To provide fast and constructive feedback the discussant will be one of the referees. After the workshop there will be an opportunity to directly talk with the discussant as well as at least one editor.

Keynotes

This year the workshop will include keynotes by

Claire de Oliveira



Claire de Oliveira is a Reader in Health Economics at the Centre for Health Economics and the Hull York Medical School at the University of York. Her research is in health economics and health services research applied to mental health.

Frank Schilbach



Frank Schilbach is an Associate Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He studies psychological aspects of poverty, including sleep deprivation, substance abuse, and mental ill-health.

Scott Cunningham



Scott Cunningham is professor of economics at Baylor University. He studies a number of topics at the intersection of crime and risky behavior. Also check out his econometrics textbook: "[Causal Inference: the Mixtape](#)".

Hosting Institutions

[CINCH](#) is one of Germany's leading research centers in Health Economics.

[RWI](#) – Leibniz - Institute for Economic Research is a leading centre for economic research and evidence-based policy advice in Germany.

[LSCR](#) is a research cooperation between RWI, University Duisburg-Essen and other partners focused on "Health care challenges in regions with declining and ageing populations".