Workshop

"The Evolution of Consumption"

organized by:
Evolutionary Economics Group
Jena, Germany

Jena
December 11-12, 2006
Sunday
Dec 10

Composition & Time Structures of Consumption

Pier Paolo Saviotti (INRA, France):
Structural inducements in the evolution of demand

Sergio Nisticò (Univ. of Cassino, Italy):
Consumption and time in economics: prices and quantities in a temporary equilibrium perspective

Coffee Break

Consumption & Service Industries

Paul Windrum (MMU, UK):
The complexity of consumption in public-private sector services

Lunch

Gerben Bakker (LSE, UK):
Consumption and the emergence of high-sunk-costs industries: Market structure, technological change and productivity growth in services, 1750-2000

Changing Views on Consumption Theory

Marina Bianchi (Univ. of Cassino, Italy):
Top hats and diamonds: An early economic debate on conspicuous consumption and fashion

Coffee Break

Ulrich Witt (MPIE, Germany):
The transformation of utility theory and its implications for explaining consumption

Arrival

Tour of Jena

Get-Together Buffet in the institute’s cafeteria

19:30

Monday
Dec 11

Psychological Approaches to Consumption

Andreas Chai (MPIE, Germany):
Consumer specialization, the want for arousal, and the Romantic transformation of the British Grand Tour

Alessio Moneta (MPIE, Germany):
Learning to consume and the dynamics of income: an empirical approach

Coffee Break

Consumption & Service Industries

Stephen Lea (Univ. of Exeter UK):
Prospects for an evolutionary economic psychology: Buying and consumption as a test case

Lunch

Social Contingencies in Consumption

Alex Frenzel (Imperial College, UK):

Ori Heffetz (Cornell):
Consumer behavior as a socio-cultural signal: Evidence from the Bolivian Amazon and from the U.S.

Coffee Break

Wander Jager (Rijksuniversiteit Netherlands):
Micro-macro dynamics of consumer behaviour: A social simulation approach

Visit to Christmas Markets

Dinner

19:00

Tuesday
Dec 12

Official Reception Dinner

19:00