

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are hereby cordially invited to attend the EIZ Seminar, which will be held on **Tuesday, 29 October 2024, at 1 p.m.**, at **The Institute of Economics, Zagreb**, when Professor **Tomislav Vukina** (North Carolina State University, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics) will present the paper

Animal Welfare Ballot Initiatives and the Vote-Buy Gap

Abstract

We provide empirical evidence to explain the apparent discrepancy between consumption choices and voting outcomes for a recent high-profile animal welfare case: California's ban of eggs produced with caged hens. The model juxtaposes the private good aspect of buying decisions with the public good aspect of voting, and yields testable propositions for the vote-buy gap. These implications are evaluated in a revealed-preferences setting using a novel combination of voting and egg-purchase data. Results show that the vote-buy gap depends on the egg price differential, and the distribution of consumers' heterogeneous preference for animal welfare issues.

About the speaker

Tomislav Vukina is a Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics at North Carolina State University. He earned his Ph.D. in Economics – Marine Resources from the University of Rhode Island in 1991 and came to NCSU in 1993. Dr. Vukina is the author of numerous refereed journal articles, research bulletins, and extension, business, and trade publications. Among many other outlets, he has published in International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, Journal of Labor Economics, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Health Economics, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, and Land Economics. His research and extension programs are focused on economic organization of agriculture, economics of incentives and information, and personnel economics.

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