



EINLADUNG ZUR NÄCHSTEN VERANSTALTUNG DES POTSDAM RESEARCH SEMINAR IN ECONOMICS

Wir laden Sie herzlich zur nächsten Veranstaltung des Potsdam Research Seminar in Economics am **02.02.2016** ein.

Das Seminar findet von **14.00 bis 16.00 Uhr** (c.t.) in Raum **3.06.S 27** statt.

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Thema des Vortrages:

Losing (Locus of) Control?
An Economic Perspective on Psychological Reactions to Unemployment Shocks

Abstract:

While the effect of an individuals' locus of control (LOC) on labour market outcomes has been analysed repeatedly, most studies neglect the potential reverse causality between labour market outcomes and LOC and, therefore, risking biased estimation results. We use dismissals as a shock on individual's labour market position, to see whether a change in labour market status is accompanied with a change in LOC. Using German panel data, we identify a significant negative effect of losing the job on the LOC. As the effect is significant for individuals experiencing unemployment only, we argue that the event affects the LOC only if individuals are confronted with an actual loss of control over their labour market status, e.g. involuntary unemployment. However, as time goes by, the loss of control gets out of focus and the LOC recovers.

Wir freuen uns auf Ihre Teilnahme.