



## Einladung zur nächsten Veranstaltung des Potsdam Research Seminar in Economics

Wir laden Sie herzlich zur nächsten Veranstaltung des Potsdam Research Seminar in Economics am **17.11.2015** ein.

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

Referentin:

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Thema des Vortrages:

### **Voter Motivation and the Quality of Democratic Choice**

Abstract:

The quality of democratic decision making critically depends on voter motivation, i.e. the voters' willingness to incur costs to be well informed and to turn out. If voters are motivated, voting may result in smart choices because of information aggregation but if voters are unmotivated, delegating the choice to an expert may yield better outcomes. Those willing to incur a cost to cast an informed vote improve the quality of democratic choice for the entire committee and thus provide a public good. We experimentally show that voting is more informationally efficient when subjects demand (by signing a petition) to make choices by voting than when decision making by voting is imposed on subjects. Our results suggest that the quality of direct democratic decision making can be improved by letting voters know that others are (also) motivated to be informed and to turn out

Wir freuen uns auf Ihre Teilnahme.

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