



## EINLADUNG ZUR NÄCHSTEN VERANSTALTUNG DES POTSDAM RESEARCH SEMINAR IN ECONOMICS

Wir laden Sie herzlich zur nächsten Veranstaltung des Potsdam Research Seminar in Economics am **26.04.2016** 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:

**Internal migration and EU regional policy transfer payments:  
a panel data analysis for 28 EU member countries**

Abstract:

This paper analyses the effect of EU regional policy transfer payments on migration flows among 28 EU member countries. The hypothesis is tested that EU structural funds payments do hamper internal migration across the EU. This is done in two ways.

First, the paper by Egger, Eggert and Larch (2014) is reestimated and extended. Until today they are the first and the only ones that empirically tested the above hypothesis, which they have derived from a new economic geography (NEG) model. Second, a more traditional neoclassical model of the migration-regional policy-nexus is tested. As in Egger, Eggert and Larch (2014), in both cases a significant effect of EU regional policy expenditures on the measure of bilateral migration among EU member countries is identified. However, contrary to Egger, Eggert and Larch (2014), the effect is positive. In the first case, on average, a one percentage point increase of structural funds expenditures in per cent of GDP leads to an increase of net bilateral migration by about 0.3-0.5%. The neoclassical model yields similar results. On average, a ten percent increase in structural funds expenditures leads to an increase in the measure of bilateral migration by about 0.015-0.16 emigrants per 100,000 individuals in the origin country's population. Hence, EU regional policy transfer payments spur instead of hamper internal migration across EU member countries. Possible explanations for this, at first glance, counterintuitive finding are given.

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