



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

Wir laden Sie herzlich zur nächsten Veranstaltung des Potsdam Research Seminar in Economics am **13.12.2016** 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:

**Do mandatory integration contracts improve job search outcomes of the unemployed?  
Evidence from a randomized controlled field experiment in Germany.**

Abstract:

In the German unemployment insurance system integration agreements (IA) play a central role. An IA is a mandatory contract between the job seeker and the labor market agency. It fixes the job seekers' rights and obligations in the job search process and is signed by the caseworker and the unemployed. Based on a randomized controlled field experiment we compare job search outcomes of unemployed with individuals who sign their IA around 3 and 6 months after entering unemployment, respectively. An additional group received a notification at the start of unemployment about having to sign an IA in month 3, which allows the analysis of anticipation effects. Our analysis is based on rich administrative and survey data. We focus on men without major labor market impediments. We find that early IAs have on average a small positive effect on the exit rate to work. Subgroup analyses reveal that this effect is driven by unemployed who were profiled as needy in terms of activation or support.

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Wir freuen uns auf Ihre Teilnahme.