



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

Wir laden Sie herzlich zur nächsten Veranstaltung des Potsdam Research Seminar in Economics am **04.07.2017** ein.

Das Seminar findet von **14.00 bis 16.00 Uhr** (c.t.) in Raum **3.01.231** statt.

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*Thema des Vortrages:*

**Rehabilitation and social behavior: Experiments in prison**

**Abstract:**

Rehabilitation and social reintegration are among the main objectives of modern penal systems. But how successful are prison sentences in fostering prosocial behavior and promoting the future integration of inmates into social and economic life? Motivated by these questions we have run experiments with inmates in two prisons in Chania, Greece, as well as with a student sample in an agricultural university in the same city. Our experimental design is based on questionnaires and simple games (trust game, prisoner's dilemma, and the Equality Equivalence Test that elicits social preference types) and attempts to answer two research questions. First, we search for favoritism and discrimination among prisoners by comparing behavior towards the in-group and the out-group sample. We find some evidence of discrimination against the out-group in reciprocity and cooperation rates. Second, we use a priming method in order to activate and evaluate the effects of time spent in prison on inmates' social behavior. Asking inmates to reflect on their time spent in prison leads to a very strong increase in pro-sociality towards the out-group. This can be seen as a low-cost intervention to create a positive rehabilitation effect.

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Wir freuen uns auf Ihre Teilnahme.