

**NEWSLETTER 2019-17****CALENDAR:****Departmental Seminar**

Susanne Prantl (University of Cologne):
Skilled Labor Inflow and Native Innovation

Monday, July 15
16:30–18:00
H25

IOS Seminar

Josef Montag (Charles University in Prague):
*Does homeownership hinder labor market activity? Evidence
from housing privatization and restitution in Brno*

Tuesday, July 16
13:30–15:00
WiOS 109 (Landshuter Str. 4)

ABSTRACTS:

Departmental Seminar

Susanne Prantl:

Skilled Labor Inflow and Native Innovation

Abstract: In this paper, we investigate the impact of a skilled worker inflow on innovative activities of native workers in the destination area. For the empirical analysis, we exploit the context of the large, sudden and unexpected wave of East-West migration after the fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989, and generate direct measures of potential migration with exogenous variation. We find that German East-West migration increased the intensity at which native West Germans perform innovative activities on the job during the 1990s. Evidence on effect heterogeneity turns out to reflect comparative advantages of the migrants and the natives.

IOS Seminar

Josef Montag:

Does homeownership hinder labor market activity? Evidence from housing privatization and restitution in Brno

Abstract: We study the effects of homeownership on labor force participation and unemployment. We exploit housing privatization and restitution after the fall of communism as a source exogenous assignment of homeowner/renter status, using a unique dataset from the city of Brno, Czech Republic. We do not find any evidence of homeownership hindering labor force participation. In fact, our estimates suggest that homeownership reduces unemployment by four to six percentage points. Homeownership appears to decrease the risk of unemployment by about one third to one half, relative to renters. The estimated effects on labor force participation are systematically around zero.

We gratefully acknowledge financial support of the Departmental Seminar by the Regensburger Universitätsstiftung Hans Vielberth.

REGENSBURGER UNIVERSITÄTS
STIFTUNG
HANS VIELBERTH

RegensburgEconNews

Newsletter of the Institute of Economics and Econometrics,
University of Regensburg

To subscribe to / unsubscribe from this newsletter,
please go to <https://www-mailman.uni-regensburg.de/mailman/listinfo/regensburgeconnews> or send an
email to econ.news@ur.de

Editorial deadline for Newsletter No. 2019-18:
Wednesday, July 17 – 11 am

FAKULTÄT FÜR
WIRTSCHAFTSWISSENSCHAFTEN

INSTITUT FÜR
VOLKSWIRTSCHAFTSLEHRE UND
ÖKONOMETRIE

Universitätsstraße 31 ▪ 93040 Regensburg

Newsletter-Redaktion:

Telefon: +49 941 943-2710

Fax: +49 941 943-2734

E-Mail: econ.news@ur.de

Internet: www-economics.ur.de

Bildnachweis: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Regensburg_08_2006.jpg