



## NEWSLETTER 2017-19

### CALENDAR:

#### IOS Seminar

Sinem H. Ayhan (IZA Bonn)

*The impact of non-cognitive skills and attitudes towards risk and trust on internal migration – Evidence from Ukraine*

Tuesday, August 01

13:30–15:00

WiOS 109 (Landshuter Str. 4)

#### IOS Seminar

Hartmut Lehmann (University of Bologna)

*Risk Attitudes, Informal Employment and Wages: Evidence from Transition Country*

#### Special Date

Thursday, August 03

13:30–15:00

WiOS 109 (Landshuter Str. 4)

#### IOS Seminar

Sumon K. Bhaumik (University of Sheffield)

*On the Political Economy of Financial Development*

Tuesday, August 08

13:30–15:00

WiOS 109 (Landshuter Str. 4)

#### PhD Seminar

Felix Peterhammer (University of Regensburg)

*Seemingly irrelevant focal points affect wage setting and wage and job satisfaction*

Wednesday, September 20

12:00–13:00

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## ABSTRACTS:

### IOS Seminar

Sinem H. Ayhan

*The impact of non-cognitive skills and attitudes towards risk and trust on internal migration – Evidence from Ukraine*

*Abstract:* This paper provides evidence on the impacts of non-cognitive skills and attitudes towards risk on the decision to migrate from rural to urban areas. Our analysis is based on a unique four-wave panel of Ukrainian Longitudinal Monitoring Survey for the period between 2003 and 2012. We adopt the Five Factor Model of personality structure, which was elaborated in the personal psychology literature, and use it in the evaluation of non-cognitive skills. Our results suggest that such personality traits as openness to new experience and the willingness to take risks increase the probability of migration. On the other hand, the non-cognitive skills conscientiousness and extraversion are found to be negatively associated with the propensity to migrate. The effects are statistically and quantitatively significant, and mainly driven by movements from rural areas into cities. Our results are robust to several sensitivity checks, including tests for reverse causality.

## MISCELLANEOUS:

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