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CALENDAR:

Departmental Seminar

Nicole Gürtzgen (IAB and University of Regensburg):
*Do Digital Information Technologies Help Unemployed Job
Seekers Find a Job? Evidence from the Broadband Internet
Expansion in Germany*

Monday, January 7
16:30–18:00
VG H26

ABSTRACTS:

Departmental Seminar

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(Joint work with André Nolte, Laura Pohlan and Gerard J. van den Berg)

Do Digital Information Technologies Help Unemployed Job Seekers Find a Job? Evidence from the Broadband Internet Expansion in Germany

Abstract: This paper studies effects of the introduction of a new digital mass medium on reemployment of unemployed job seekers. We combine data on high-speed (broadband) internet availability at the local level with individual register data on the unemployed in Germany. We address endogeneity by exploiting technological peculiarities in the network that affected the roll-out of high-speed internet. The results show that high-speed internet improves reemployment rates after the first months of the unemployment spell. This is confirmed by complementary analysis with individual survey data suggesting that online job search leads to additional formal job interviews after a few months in unemployment.

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Lutz Arnold and Sebastian Zelzner presented their project 'The Allocation of Talent to Financial Trading versus Entrepreneurship: Welfare Effects of Trading in General Equilibrium' at the Final Workshop of the DFG Priority Program 1578 'Financial Markets and Macroeconomic Performance' on December 13-14, 2018 in Mannheim.

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