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International conference

Field experiments in policy evaluation

October 18-19, 2012

Conference location

German Federal Employment Agency, 90478 Nuremberg, Germany

Program

| Thursday, October 18 | |
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| 10:00 | Welcome: Gerard van den Berg, Gesine Stephan |
| 10:15 - 11:15 | Keynote I: Bruno Crepon (CREST) Do labor market policies have displacement effects? Evidence from a randomized experiment |
| 11:15 - 12:15 | Keynote II: Michael Rosholm (University of Aarhus) The importance of meeting your case worker: Evidence from several experiments |
| 12:15 - 13:15 | Lunch |
| 13:15 - 15:15 | Session I: Disability and health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Steven Lehrer (Queen's University), <i>Adnan Khan</i> Experimental estimates of the impact of labour market activities on health and volunteering ■ Per Johansson (Uppsala University and IFAU), <i>Per Engström, Pathric Hägglund</i> Early interventions and disability insurance – Experience from a field experiment ■ Lukas Kauer (University of St. Gallen), <i>Eva Deuchert</i> Wage subsidies for people with a disability: Helping or hindering? Evidence from a field experiment |
| 15:15 - 15:45 | Coffee break |
| 15:45 - 17:45 | Session II: Recruitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Stefan Eriksson (Uppsala University), <i>Per Johannsson, Sophie Langenskiöld</i> What is the right profile for getting a job? A stated choice experiment of the recruitment process ■ Thomas Le Barbanchon (CREST), <i>Luc Behaghel, Bruno Crépon</i> Do anonymous resumes make the field more even? Evidence from a randomized field experiment ■ Stijn Baert (Gent University), <i>Bart Cockx, Niels Gheyle, Cora Vandamme</i> Do employers discriminate less if vacancies are difficult to fill? Evidence from a field experiment |
| 19:30 | Dinner in restaurant Estragon |

| Friday, October 19 | |
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| 9:00 - 10:00 | Invited speaker: Burt Barnow (George Washington University), <i>David H. Greenberg</i> Structuring social experiments to increase knowledge: Counterfactual and replication issues |
| 10:00 - 10:15 | Coffee break |
| 10:15 - 12:15 | Session III: Lessons from the US / Promise grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ David Greenberg (University of Maryland), <i>Burt S. Barnow</i> Flawed social experiments ■ Stephen H. Bell (Abt. Associates), <i>Laura Peck</i> Obstacles to and limitations of social experiments: 15 false alarms ■ Larry L. Orr (John Hopkins University), <i>Douglas N. Harris</i> Testing the promise – A randomized trial of a promise college scholarship for urban public school students |
| 12:15 - 13:15 | Lunch |
| 13:15 - 14:15 | Keynote III: Gerard van den Berg (University of Mannheim) Targeted wage support for elderly unemployed workers: First results from a randomized controlled field experiment in Germany |
| 14:15 - 14:30 | Coffee break |
| 14:30 - 16:30 | Session IV: Identification / Intensive counseling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Martin Huber (University of St. Gallen) Identifying causal mechanisms in experiments (primarily) based on inverse probability weighting ■ Malte Sandner (University of Hannover) The effects of early childhood intervention on child development and early skill formation – Evidence from a randomized experiment ■ Gesine Stephan (IAB and University of Erlangen-Nuremberg), <i>Gerhard Krug</i> Is contracting-out intensified placement services more effective than in-house production? Evidence from a randomized field experiment |
| 16:30 | Closing words |