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Call for Papers

Field Experiments in Policy Evaluation

International
Conference

Date:

October 18 – 19, 2012

Location:

German Federal
Employment Agency,
90478 Nuremberg,
Germany

Background

Randomized experiments are considered the “golden standard” of causal analysis and have become an important tool in policy evaluations. Random assignment ensures that treated and controls are comparable in their characteristics before the policy intervention; any observable differences afterwards can be attributed to the intervention.

In social sciences, field experiments are a favorable design to investigate the effects of controlled interventions – leaving the subjects of study in their natural environment. However, conducting field experiments poses several methodical challenges like external validity, spillover effects, dynamic selection, or Hawthorne effects.

The conference focuses on policy evaluations using a field experimental design. Studies addressing one of the following fields are particularly welcome:

- Labor market policy
- Education
- Health

Key-Note Speakers

- Gerard VAN DEN BERG (University of Mannheim)
- Bruno CRÉPON (CREST)
- Michael ROSHOLM (Aarhus University)

Scientific Committee

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Submission

The deadline for submissions is June 15, 2012. Please submit electronic versions of completed papers (pdf preferred) to field2012@iab.de. You will be notified on acceptance of your paper until July 15, 2012.

Travel costs

One presenter per accepted papers will receive a travel grant, which is limited to a maximum of € 500 per paper.

Conference fee

There will be no fee for presenters of accepted papers. For all other participants the conference fee will be € 80.

Organization

Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Center of Econometrics and Empirical Economics (University of Mannheim), Labor and Socio Economic Research Center (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg)