

IAB-Colloquium

zur Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung

Is it the family or the neighborhood? Evidence from sibling and neighbor correlations in youth education and health

Prof. Dr. Daniel Schnitzlein

Leibniz Universität Hannover, Institut für Arbeitsökonomik

In this paper we present sibling and neighbor correlations in school grades and cognitive skills as well as indicators of physical and mental health for a sample of German adolescents. In a first step, we estimate sibling correlations and find substantial influence of shared family and community background on all outcomes. To further disentangle the influence of family background and neighborhood, we estimate neighbor correlations. Our results show that for all outcomes, estimated neighbor correlations are clearly lower than estimated sibling correlations. However, especially for cognitive skills and mental health, neighbor correlations are still substantial in relation to sibling correlations. Thus, compared to existing results from other countries, the influence of the neighborhood is not negligible in Germany for these outcomes.

Donnerstag, 29. Januar 2015

11:00 Uhr

Sitzungssaal 126a