

**The Research Centre of the Faculty of Economics**  
cordially invites you to a research seminar  
on **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017**  
at **1 p.m.** in room **P-119**  
at the **Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana**

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will present the article:

## **“Economic Freedom and Growth Across German Districts”**

“In this paper, we revisit the relationship between economic freedom and growth across 407 German districts (Kreise) for the period 2000-2010. To this end, we build ten indicators of economic freedom for each district and cluster them into three latent categories: (i) taxes and government spending, (ii) business regulation, and (iii) size of the public sector. Exploiting the variation in the constructed indices of economic freedom, the evidence suggests less indebted districts with less stringent business regulation, lower share of taxes and relatively smaller public sectors achieve consistently higher productivity growth. The beneficial effect of economic freedom on growth is robust to the variety of specification checks. The evidence does not advocate lower level of economic freedom in former East German districts or greater economic freedom in West German districts. In the counterfactual scenario, the transition to the 90th percentile of economic freedom is associated with large income and growth gains.”

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**We look forward to seeing you!**

