

The Research Centre of the School of Economics and Business,
in cooperation with **the Bank of Slovenia,**
cordially invites you to a research seminar
on **Thursday, 22nd April 2021 at 11:00 CEST**
via platform **Zoom**

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will present the article

The Double Dividend of Property Institutions

Why are impartial institutions such as formalized property rights so important for the emergence of impersonal trade? Previous literature has stressed the role of such institutions in providing "external" enforcement that shields strangers from locals' opportunism. We document the existence of a second "internal" transmission channel based on the expressive function of formalized property as moralizing others' ownership claims. Ten years after the randomized control-trial introduction of formal property rights across Beninese rural villages, we conduct a taking dictator game experiment in which participants can appropriate the endowment of an anonymous stranger from a different village. Even if enforcing institutions are absent and peer effects silenced by design, participants from villages where the reform was implemented still take significantly less than those in non-selected villages. Further analyses suggest that the reduction in taking does not reflect changes in universalisms nor it depends on how the initial endowment originated, suggesting that formal

property institutions determine the internalization of a moral norm for respecting an abstract notion of property.

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