"Surveying forced migrants in Austria: Evidence from a panel study"

In November 2015, the Wittgenstein Centre carried out a social survey among refuge seeking persons in Austria, which turned out to be the first micro-data-collection among displaced persons arriving in Europe in that year. This survey, called DiPAS, was published in PLOS ONE and yielded valuable insights on human capital of recent inflows of displaced persons. In spring 2017, respondents were interviewed a second time. Due to high dropout, refreshers were added to the sample, yielding more than 400 interviewed adults, mainly from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. In this talk, we will provide insights from the panel study in terms of panel attrition and response rate. Moreover, we present first results on the demographic composition, family structure and family reunification potential of displaced persons in Austria since autumn 2015.

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