

Vous êtes invité à la prochaine réunion du

**SEMINAIRE ECONOMIQUE DE LOUVAIN**



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fera un exposé sur

**Unemployment benefit sanctions  
and post unemployment job quality**

Abstract

This paper studies the role of unemployment benefit sanctions for post unemployment job quality. The paper asks how benefit sanctions and sanction warnings affect the unemployment duration and post unemployment position in the wage hierarchy. A rich dataset allows to construct appropriate measures to tackle these questions and assess their empirical relevance for Switzerland. Preliminary evidence indicates that sanction warnings and sanction enforcement increase the rate of leaving unemployment for regular jobs. Moreover, the post-warning increase in the unemployment exit rate arises due to both increases in the rate of leaving for better and worse jobs. In contrast, post-enforcement increases in the hazard rate are due to job seekers leaving unemployment for worse jobs leaving the rate of leaving to better jobs unaffected. These effects are consistent with sanction warnings increasing job search intensity and sanction enforcement lowering the reservation wage.

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