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Background

Experimental designs with randomization and controlled stimuli (RCT, randomized control trials) are seen as the gold standard to come up with causal conclusions. Although labor market behavior can rarely be studied by applying purely experimental set-ups, there have been seminal experimental studies in labor market research, for example, using field and natural experiments. Behavioral economics has provided valuable insights into many paradigmatic situations of strategic interdependence in labor markets such as gift exchange, public goods production, equity and fairness. Furthermore, with a growing interest in policy evaluation, economists, political scientists, and sociologists have been working with methods that approximate true experimental conditions in quasi experimental designs. In survey research, experimental designs are nowadays frequently used to study opinions and social norms or to evaluate different dimensions in human decision making. This recent trend is reflected in labor market research where survey experiments yield new evidence on preferences and labor market decisions.

We invite researchers from different disciplinary backgrounds to submit their papers covering all relevant aspects when RCT methods are used to study labor market processes. This includes literature reviews, meta-analyses of previous (quasi-)experiments, methodological papers and original research papers of experiments concerning labor market behavior – in laboratory, field and natural experiments.

Possible topics refer to the evaluation of labor market and social policy programs, decisions of labor market actors (discrimination, hiring, signaling, promotion, quitting, trust, cooperating, shirking), effects of external shocks (financial crisis), etc.

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