

German labour market reform effects - revisited with a panel data analysis for occupational labour markets

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Abstract

I present analyses of changes in the job matching productivity before, during, and after the German labour market reforms from 2003 to 2005. Political implications of the few previous studies seem to be poor, because up to now it is – beside others – not known whether the reform effects covered the whole labour market and how they changed during extreme economic situations like the financial crisis 2008/2009. On the base of detailed, high frequency, and quite recent administrative panel data I close those gaps by analyzing an (unrestricted) job matching model that allows exploring the time structure of the reform effects.

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