

The Berlin Network of Labour Market Research (BeNA) presents:



Prof. Joseph Altonji
(Yale University)

"Dealing with Selection on Unobservables"

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Hertie School of Governance,
Friedrichstraße 180, 10117 Berlin
(Room: Forum A)

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The 2012 BeNA Lecture Series will be given by Joseph Altonji. Joseph Altonji is Thomas DeWitt Cuyler Professor of Economics at Yale University.

Prof. Altonji has published on a wide range of topics in top journals such as *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of Labour Economics*, and *Journal of Human Resources*. Since 2010 he is an elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The lectures will provide an in-depth insight into an econometric method developed to deal with selection bias on unobservables in the absence of good instruments. The key reference is J. Altonji, T. Elder, C. Taber (2005): "Selection on Observed and Unobserved Variables: Assessing the Effectiveness of Catholic Schools", *JPE* 113(1), pp. 151-184.

Programme

Prof. Altonji will give three lectures and a research talk. The first two lectures (introduction, overview and in-depth method session I) are on

- Monday 23 April
10:15 - 11:45 and 14:15-15:45

The third lecture (in-depth method session II) and the research talk are on

- Tuesday 24 April
10:15 - 11:45 and 13:45-15:15 (new time)

The material covered explains how selection on observables can be used to address bias from unobservables. Applications include School Choice and Health.

The lectures and the research talk will be given in English, are free of charge, and are open to the interested public (please register by e-mail to Hanna Wielandt: hanna.wielandt@wiwi.hu-berlin.de).

Prof. Altonji will hold **office hours** on Monday 23 April 16:30-18:00 in the Hertie School building. If you would like to meet him during office hours, please contact directly Klaus Brösamle, broesamle@hertie-school.org, Tel: +49 (0)30 259 219 323.

Venue

Hertie School of Governance, Friedrichstr. 180, 10117 Berlin (Mitte), Room: Forum A, Floor 1. Nearest tube station: Stadtmitte (U2/U6) or Französische Straße (U6), Nearest S-Bahn: Friedrichstraße (S).



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