



# Economics Seminars

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### *Labor Market and Immigrants Naturalization*

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**Abstract.** We analyze the labor market consequences of changes in the citizenship eligibility requirements; we use variation in residency requirements induced by citizenship reforms in Germany and Austria to look for the intention to treat effect. We can rely on exogenous variation in eligibility rules from national immigration reforms by the two countries with two opposite directions: a more liberal approach in Germany and a stricter one in Austria. We use the Survey of Health Retirement and Ageing in Europe (SHARE) to create a retrospective panel dataset for individuals living in the two countries during the reforms. This allows us to use a Regression Discontinuity approach exploiting the change in the years of residence threshold required for naturalization. The evidence shows that being eligible for naturalization is associated with higher employment rates in both countries; moreover, this effect increases in the German case after reducing the years of residence required for naturalization.