

GENDER DIFFERENCES IN RISK-TAKING

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Research output

- Working Papers:
 - René Böheim, Christoph Freudenthaler, and Mario Lackner, 2016. "[Gender Differences in Risk-Taking: Evidence from Professional Basketball](#)", Economics working papers 2016-07, Department of Economics, Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria.
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- Conference Presentations:
 - [European Association of Labor Economists](#), 21-13. September, 2017, Gender Differences in Risk-Taking: Evidence from Professional Basketball, presented by Böheim
 - [European Economic Association](#), 21-25 August, 2017, Gender Differences in Risk-Taking: Evidence from Professional Basketball, presented by Böheim
 - [European Society for Population Economics](#), 15-18 June, 2017, Making risk-taking more costly: Causal evidence on risk-taking by men and women from jumping competitions, presented by Böheim
 - [European Society for Population Economics](#), 15-18 June, 2017, Causal Effect of Attendance on Performance - Evidence from Professional Basketball, presented by Grübl
 - Ski-Labor Economics Workshop 2017, Dr. Böheim
 - Research Seminar, 24.-26. Nov, 2016: [Attendance and free throw success in the NBA](#), presented by Dominik Grübl
 - Lunch Time Seminar, Department of Economics, Mag. Grübl
 - Jahrestagung der European Society for Population Economics, Berlin, Dr. Lackner
 - Jahrestagung der European Sport Economics Association (ESEA), Zürich, Sept. 2015, Dr. Lackner

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Selected media coverage

- [Kurier](#), 06.08.2016
- [Marginal Revolution](#), 21.07.2016
- [Sydney Morning Herald](#), 24.07.2016