GENDER DIFFERENCES IN RISK-TAKING

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Research output

- **Working Papers:**
  - Lackner, Mario, 2016, "Teams as Superstars: Effort and Risk Taking in Rank-Order Tournaments for Women and Men", JKU economics working paper 1613

- **Conference Presentations:**
  - European Economic Association, 21-25 August, 2017, Gender Differences in Risk-Taking: Evidence from Professional Basketball, presented by Böheim
  - Ski-Labor Economics Workshop 2017, Dr. Böheim
  - 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
Related research

- Lackner, Mario, 2016, "Gender differences in competitiveness", IZA World of Labor, doi: 10.15185/izawol.236

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