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## CALENDAR

### **IOS Seminar**

Anzelika Zaiceva-Razzolini (University of Florence)

“Is self-employment for migrants? Evidence from Italy”

**Tue, June 17**

13:30 - 15:00

109 and Zoom



## ABSTRACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

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Using a unique Italian dataset covering the period from 2004 to 2020, we assess the immigrant-native gap in entrepreneurship and investigate potential channels behind it. The data allow us to account for many observable individual, household and migration-related characteristics, as well as for risk aversion, which is typically not observed but is crucial for self-employment decision. In addition, we are also able to incorporate firm-specific factors into the analysis, such as firm size and firm age. Unlike most existing studies, we find that immigrants in Italy are *less* likely to be self-employed. This negative gap is confirmed when using propensity score matching methodology. The negative gap is not significant for mixed immigrant-native couples, suggesting that intermarriage may constitute an important additional assimilation channel. Moreover, we find some evidence that the negative gap is largely driven by self-employed with employees and is present only in older firms.

#### *Info:*

In person in Room 109 and via Zoom-Meeting:

<https://ios-regensburg-de.zoom.us/j/61791297400?pwd=qWXxKXto1E81Sjz6RMmte3DbaoID6H.1>

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