

WWZ Reseach Seminar

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"Social mobility in Switzerland since 1490 using the example of the University of Basel"

ABSTRACT

“Social mobility is a key element of meritocratic societies. We measure the long-term educational mobility in Switzerland since 1490 using the example of the University of Basel. We apply the method of surname of Clark et al. (2014) to the situation in Basel. The underlying dataset contains yearly data from 1490 to 2000 with about 700'000 observations. Preliminary results show a persistence rate for the elite of about 0.41, which corresponds to a rather high social mobility.”