

## **Press release for the article "The competitive advantage of sanctioning institutions"**

An at the Laboratory of Experimental Economics of the University of Erfurt (elab) conducted study achieved a strong resonance in the scientific world as well as in international press. The article "The competitive advantage of sanctioning institutions" was published in the reputable scientific magazin Science (7. April 2006, Vol. 312. no. 5770, p. 108-111). In their study Prof. Dr. Bettina Rockenbach and her collaborators Özgür Gürerk and Dr. Bernd Irlenbusch (now London School of Economics) show that societies in which members show social disapproval against members violating social norms are both more preferred by people and more successful in the provision of public goods in comparison to societies in which free riding is not sanctioned. (Erfurt, April 7 2006)