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Out with the New, In with the Old? Bank Supervision and the Composition of Firm Investment

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The seminar will be held in the
Great Hall of Banka Slovenije
on Wednesday, 17 September 2025 at 14:00

Abstract:

Using exogenous variation generated by the creation of the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM) in the euro area, authors find that relative to firms borrowing from banks subject to national supervision, firms borrowing from banks subject to supranational supervision reduce significantly their share of intangible assets. This effect does not pre-date the supervisory reform, it does not obtain in non-SSM jurisdictions, and is accompanied by a reduction in borrowing and productivity. The reallocation of investment away from intangible assets is stronger in innovation-intensive sectors, suggesting that more stringent supervision can slow down the shift from the capital-based to the knowledge-based economy.

About the author:

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How to sign up:

To sign up for the seminar, please send an email to seminar@bsi.si. You can sign up by Tuesday, 16 September 2025. The seminar will be held in English.