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## Statement to the briq network

As the Scientific Advisory Board of briq, we have been closely following the allegations of misconduct circulated via social media. We welcome that briq has initiated an independent investigation through an external law firm and that the person concerned is on temporary leave of absence for the duration of the investigation. We are committed to supporting a safe and inclusive research environment for all members of briq, those employed at the institute and the wide network of visitors and affiliates.

With this statement, we would also like to affirm our commitment to helping briq move forward. Since its founding in December 2015, briq has become a hub for behavioral economics research in Europe and worldwide, and is also a major center for study of inequality and social mobility. It has attracted some of the best scholars, who have presented in seminars, have spent time at briq as visitors, have participated in summer schools, and have been involved in research cooperations. This will continue to be the case, and we hope that all briq affiliates will join us in supporting Florian Zimmermann and Botond Kőszegi as the senior researchers steering briq through these challenging times.

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