



AREA CONFERENCE ON THE ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION

CESifo Conference Centre, Munich
31 August – 1 September 2012

PROGRAMME

Friday, 31 August 2012

08:45 - 09:00 **Welcome & Introduction**

Eric A. Hanushek (Stanford University)

Session 1 – Plenary Session

LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM

CESifo Young Affiliate Award Candidates

Chair: Eric A. Hanushek

09:00 - 09:30 **The Effect of Additional Funds for Low-ability Pupils: A Nonparametric Bounds Analysis**
MONIQUE DE HAAN (University of Amsterdam)

09:30 - 10:00 **Early Retirement Incentives and Student Achievement**
MICHAEL F. LOVENHEIM (Cornell University) and Maria D. Fitzpatrick

10:00 - 10:30 **Coffee Break**

Parallel Session 2 A

LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM

PISA analyses

Chair: Eric Bettinger

10:30 - 11:15 **Understanding the Divergent Trends in PISA Test Results for Poland and the Czech Republic**
STEVEN RIVKIN (University of Illinois at Chicago), Mikolaj Herbst, Daniel Munich and Jeffrey C. Schiman
Discussant: Torberg Falch

11:15 - 12:00 **Does School Autonomy Make Sense Everywhere? Panel Estimates from PISA**
LUDGER WOESSMANN (University of Munich, Ifo Institute), Eric A. Hanushek and Susanne Link
Discussant: Lant Pritchett

12:00 - 12:45 **Migration Policy can boost PISA Results – Findings from a Natural Experiment**
STEFAN WOLTER (University of Bern) and Maria Alejandra Cattaneo
Discussant: Jeffrey Smith

Parallel Session 2 B
RICHARD MUSGRAVE ROOM

Inside schools
Chair: Flavio Cunha

- 10:30 - 11:15 **Inside the black box of class size effects: Behavioral responses to class size variation**
HESSEL OOSTERBEEK (University of Amsterdam), Peter Fredriksson and Björn Öckert
Discussant: Holger Sieg
- 11:15 - 12:00 **Experimental Evidence on the Effect of Childhood Investments on Postsecondary Attainment and Degree Completion**
SUSAN M. DYNARSKI (University of Michigan), Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach and Joshua Hyman
Discussant: Edwin Leuven
- 12:00 - 12:45 **Are Non-Eligible Students Affected by Special Education?**
HANS BONERØNNING (Norwegian University of Science and Technology), Ivar Pettersen and Jon Marius Vaag Iversen
Discussant: Regina T. Riphahn
- 12:45 - 13:45 **Lunch**

Parallel Session 3 A
LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM

Teacher value-added
Chair: Susan M. Dynarski

- 13:45 - 14:30 **How teacher turnover harms student achievement**
SUSANNA LOEB (Stanford University), Matthew Ronfeldt and Jim Wyckoff
Discussant: Steven Rivkin
- 14:30 - 15:15 **Does the Market Value Value-Added? Evidence from Housing Prices After a Public Release of School and Teacher Value-Added**
SCOTT A. IMBERMAN (Michigan State University) and Michael F. Lovenheim
Discussant: Guido Schwerdt

Parallel Session 3 B
RICHARD MUSGRAVE ROOM

From school to work
Chair: Karthik Muralidharan

- 13:45 - 14:30 **Performance of young adults: The importance of cognitive and non-cognitive skills**
TORBERG FALCH (Norwegian University of Science and Technology), Ole Henning Nyhus and Bjarne Strøm
Discussant: Flavio Cunha

14:30 - 15:15 **Overeducation at the Start of the Career – Stepping Stone or Trap?**
BART COCKX (Ghent University), Stijn Baert and Dieter Verhaest
Discussant: Hessel Oosterbeek

15:15 - 15:30 **Coffee Break**

Parallel Session 4 A
LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM

Improving college outcomes in emerging countries

Chair: Jeffrey Smith

15:30 -16:15 **College and Labor Market Effects of Vouchers for Private Secondary Schooling in Colombia: Evidence from a Randomized Policy**
ERIC BETTINGER (Stanford University), Michael Kremer, Juan Esteban Saavedra and Maurice Kugler
Discussant: Steven Machin

16:15 - 17:00 **Dismantling the Legacy of Caste: Affirmative Action in Indian Higher Education**
DENNIS EPPLE (Carnegie Mellon University), Surendrakumar Bagde and Lowell J. Taylor
Discussant: Karthik Muralidharan

Parallel Session 4 B
RICHARD MUSGRAVE ROOM

Assessments

Chair: Edwin Leuven

15:30 - 16:15 **The Impact of an Unexpected Wage Cut on Corruption: Evidence from a “Xeroxed” Exam**
MIKAEL LINDAHL (Uppsala University), Oana Borcan and Andreea Mitrut
Discussant: Scott A. Imberman

16:15 - 17:00 **“Making it count” Evidence from a Controlled Field Experiment of the Effect of Assessment Rules and Study Incentives on Student Effort and Performance**
PETER DOLTON (University of Sussex), Arnaud Chevalier and Melanie Lührmann
Discussant: Margaret E. Raymond

17:00 - 17:15 **Coffee Break**

Session 5 – Plenary Session
LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM

Chair: Eric A. Hanushek

17:15 - 18:15 **Keynote Lecture**
Economic Development, Schooling and the Gender Division of Labor
MARK ROSENZWEIG (Yale University)

19:30 **Conference Dinner at the Seehaus in the Englisch Garden**

Saturday, 1 September 2012

Parallel Session 6 A

LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM

Early childhood and parental transmission

Chair: Ludger Woessmann

- 08:45 - 09:30 **Maternal Education and the Effects of Poor Infant Health on Children's Outcomes**
DAVID FIGLIO (Northwestern University), Jon Guryan, Chris Karbownik and Jeffrey Roth
Discussant: Mikael Lindahl
- 09:30 - 10:15 **Can't Buy Mommy's Love: Universal Childcare and Children's Long-Term Cognitive Development**
CHRISTINA FELFE (University of St. Gallen), Natalia Nollenberger and Núria Rodríguez-Planas
Discussant: Maria D. Fitzpatrick

Parallel Session 6 B

RICHARD MUSGRAVE ROOM

Returns to Higher Education

Chair: Holger Sieg

- 08:45 - 09:30 **Returns to the Quality of Higher Education in the Marriage Market**
KATJA MARIA KAUFMANN (Bocconi University), Matthias Messner and Alex Solis
Discussant: Susan M. Dynarski
- 9:30 - 10:15 **The return to being licensed as a doctor in a regulated labor market: Evidence from admission lotteries**
EDWIN LEUVEN (University of Oslo), Magne Mogstad and Lars Kirkebøen
Discussant: Sarah Turner
- 10:15 -10:30 **Coffee Break**

Parallel Session 7 A

LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM

School Choice

Chair: Steven Rivkin

- 10:30 - 11:15 **The Aggregate Effect of School Choice: Evidence from a two-stage experiment in India**
KARTHIK MURALIDHARAN (University of California, San Diego), Michael Kremer and Venkatesh Sundararaman
Discussant: Fabian Waldinger
- 11:15 - 12:00 **The Competitive Effects of Charter Schools: Evidence from the District of Columbia**
MARGARET E. RAYMOND (Stanford University) and Edward J. Cremata
Discussant: Sandra McNally

12:00 - 12:45 **Downsizing Urban School Districts With Declining Enrollments**
HOLGER SIEG (University of Pennsylvania), Dennis Epple and Akshaya Jha
Discussant: Peter Dolton

Parallel Session 7 B
RICHARD MUSGRAVE ROOM

Schooling Institutions
Chair: Steven Machin

10:30 - 11:15 **The Negative Consequences of Overambitious Curriculum**
LANT PRITCHETT (Harvard Kennedy School) and Amanda Beatty
Discussant: Christina Felfe

11:15 - 12:00 **The Effects of Early Grade Retention on Student Outcomes over Time:
Regression Discontinuity Evidence from Florida**
GUIDO SCHWERDT (Ifo Institute) and Martin R. West
Discussant: Susanna Loeb

12:00 - 12:45 **Institutional Determinants of Intergenerational Education Transmission - Comparing
Alternative Mechanisms for Natives and Immigrants**
REGINA T. RIPHAHN (University Erlangen-Nuremberg) and Philipp C. Bauer
Discussant: Hans Bonesrønning

12:45 – 13:45 **Lunch**

Parallel Session 8 A
LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM

Training
Chair: Stefan Wolter

13:45 – 14:30 **Does Federally-Funded Job Training Work? Nonexperimental Estimates of WIA
Training Impacts Using Longitudinal Data on Workers and Firms**
JEFFREY SMITH (University of Michigan), Fredrik Andersson, Harry J. Holzer, Julia I. Lane
and David Rosenblum
Discussant: Bart Cockx

14:30 – 15:15 **Train More, Work Longer**
**The Effects of Pension Reforms and Training Incentives on the Retirement and
Training Decisions of Older Workers**
GIORGIO BRUNELLO (University of Padova), Erich Battistin, Simona Comi and Daniela
Sonedda
Discussant: Michael F. Lovenheim

Parallel Session 8 B
RICHARD MUSGRAVE ROOM

Universities: Historical Lessons

Chair: Dennis Epple

- 13:45 – 14:30 **Down and Enrolled: The Impact of the Great Recession on Investments in Post-Secondary Education**
SARAH TURNER (University of Virginia) and Andrew Barr
Discussant: Monique de Haan
- 14:30 – 15:15 **Bombs, Brains, and Science - The Role of Human and Physical Capital for the Creation of Scientific Knowledge**
FABIAN WALDINGER (University of Warwick)
Discussant: David Figlio
- 15:15 – 15:30 **Coffee Break**

Parallel Session 9 A
LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM

Participation in Post-Compulsory Education

Chair: David Figlio

- 15:30 – 16:15 **Higher Education, Merit-Based Scholarships and Post-Baccalaureate Mobility**
MARIA D. FITZPATRICK (Cornell University) and Damon Jones
Discussant: Giorgio Brunello
- 16:15 – 17:00 **Youth Crime and Education Expansion**
STEPHEN MACHIN (University College London), Olivier Marie and Sunčica Vujić
Discussant: Dennis Epple

Parallel Session 9 B
RICHARD MUSGRAVE ROOM

Perceptions and Beliefs
Chair: Hessel Oosterbeek

- 15:30 – 16:15 **Reference Points, Subjective Beliefs about the Technology of Skill Formation, and Early Investments in the Human Capital of Children**
FLÁVIO CUNHA (University of Pennsylvania)
Discussant: Katja Maria Kaufmann
- 16:15 – 17:00 **Student Awareness of Costs and Benefits of Educational Decisions: Effects of an Information Campaign**
SANDRA MCNALLY (University of Surrey), Martin McGuigan and Gill Wyness
Discussant: Eric Bettinger
- 17:00 – 18:00 **Concluding wine reception**