

**European Summer Symposium in Labour Economics  
Ammersee, 14–18 September 1999  
Hosted by the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)**

**Final Programme**

**Tuesday 14 September**

**1. Morning Session I**

**Chair:** Klaus Zimmerman (IZA, Universität Bonn and CEPR)

9.30 – 11.30 **The Economics and Econometrics of Active Labor Market Programs**

James Heckman (University of Chicago)\*  
Robert LaLonde (Michigan State University)  
Jeffrey A Smith (University of Western Ontario)

12.30 **Lunch**

**2. Parallel Session A**

**Chair:** Lars Ljungqvist (Stockholm School of Economics and CEPR)

15.30 – 17.00 **Wages, Experience and Seniority**  
Christian Dustmann (Institute for Fiscal Studies, University College London and CEPR)\*

Costas Meghir (Institute for Fiscal Studies, University College London and CEPR)\*

17.00 – 18.30 **Household Characteristics, Ability and Education: Evidence from a Dynamic Expected Utility Model**

Jörgen Hansen (Concordia University and IZA, Universität Bonn)\*  
Christian Belzil (Concordia University)

**3. Parallel Session B**

**Chair:** Gerard Antonie Pfann (Business Investment Research Center, Maastricht University and CEPR)

15.30 – 17.00 **Does Shorter Schooling Hurt Student Performance and Earnings? Evidence from the German Short School Years**

Jörn-Steffen Pischke (Massachusetts Institute of Technology and CEPR)\*

17.00 – 18.30 **Transitions from School to Work: Search Time and Job Duration**  
Espen Bratberg (University of Bergen)

Øivind Anti Nilsen (University of Bergen)\*

19.00

**Dinner**

#### **4. Parallel Session C**

**Chair:**

Fabrizio Zilibotti (Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm University and CEPR)

20.00 – 21.30

**The Evolution of Earnings Inequality in Italy and the Escalator Clause**

Marco Manacorda (Centre for Labor Economics, University of California, Berkeley)\*

#### **5. Parallel Session D**

**Chair:**

Marco Manacorda (University of California Berkeley)

20.00 – 21.30

**Money for Nothing and Your Chips for Free? The Anatomy of the PC Wage Differential**

John Haisken DeNew (Deutsche Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW), Berlin)\*

Christoph M Schmidt (Alfred Weber Institut, University of Heidelberg, and CEPR)

**Wednesday 15 September**

#### **6. Morning Session II**

**Chair:**

Juan J Dolado (Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, and CEPR)

9.30 – 11.30

**Social Security Programs and Retirement Around the World**

Jonathan Gruber (US Treasury Department and NBER)

David Wise (Harvard University and NBER)\*

12.30

**Lunch**

#### **7. Parallel Session A**

**Chair:**

Michael Burda (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin and CEPR)

15.30 – 17.00

**Squandering European Labor: Social Safety Nets in Times of Economic Turbulence**

Lars Ljungqvist (Stockholm School of Economics and CEPR)\*

17.00 – 18.30

**Modelling Financial Incentives to Get Unemployed into Work**

Jan Boone (CentER, Tilburg University and CPB)

Jan van Ours (CentER, Tilburg University and CEPR)\*

#### **8. Parallel Session B**

**Chair:**

Barbara Petrongolo (Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, London School of Economics and CEPR)

15.30 – 17.00 **On the Neutrality of Severance Payments in the Theory of Search Unemployment**  
Pietro Garibaldi (Istituto di Economia Politica, Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi and CEPR)\*  
Gianluca Violante (University College London and CEPR)

17.00 – 18.30 **Job Protection, Minimum Wage and Unemployment**  
Pierre Cahuc (Université de Paris I, CEPREMAP, CREST-INSEE and Institut Universitaire de France)\*  
André Zylberberg (CNRS and Université Paris I)

19.00 **Dinner**

### 9. Parallel Session C

**Chair:** Marco Francesconi (University of Essex and CEPR)

20.00 – 21.30 **General Training and Human-Capital Externalities**  
Alison Booth (University of Essex and CEPR)\*  
Gylfi Zoega (Birkbeck College, London, and CEPR)\*

### 10. Parallel Session D

**Chair:** Javier Ortega (GREMAQ, Université des Sciences Sociales, Toulouse)

20.00 – 21.30 **The Endogenous Determination of Minimum Wage**  
Gil Epstein (Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, and CEPR)\*  
Shmuel Nitzan (Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan)

## Thursday 16 September

### 11. Morning Session III

**Chair:** Costas Meghir (Institute for Fiscal Studies, University College London and CEPR)

9.30 – 11.30 **The Payoff to Education**  
Orley Ashenfelter (Princeton University)\*  
Cecilia Rouse (Princeton University)

12.30 **Lunch**

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19.00 **Dinner**

### 12. Parallel Session C

**Chair:** Christian Dustmann (Institute for Fiscal Studies, University College London and CEPR)\*

20.00 – 21.30      **Screening vs. Training in General Equilibrium Search Models**  
Etienne Wasmer (ECARES, Université Libre de Bruxelles and CEPR)\*

### **13. Parallel Session D**

**Chair:** Pietro Garibaldi (Istituto di Economia Politica, Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi and CEPR)

20.00 – 21.30      **Corporate Downsizing and Efficient Quitting**  
Gerard Antoine Pfann (Business Investment Research Center, Maastricht University and CEPR)\*

## **Friday 17 September**

### **14. Morning Session IV**

**Chair:** Alison Booth (University of Essex and CEPR)

09.30 – 11.30      **The Future of Personnel Economics**  
Edward Lazear (Stanford University)\*

12.30                **Lunch**

### **15. Parallel Session A**

**Chair:** Jennifer Hunt (Yale University and CEPR)

15.30 – 17.00      **Immigrant Labor and Workplace Safety**  
Thomas Bauer (IZA, Universität Bonn, and CEPR)\*  
Andreas Million (SELAPO, Universität München)  
Ralph Rotte (SELAPO, Universität München)  
Klaus F Zimmermann (IZA, Universität Bonn, and CEPR)

17.00 – 18.30      **Labor Market Assimilation and the Self-Employment Decision of Immigrant Entrepreneurs**  
Magnus Lofstrom (University of California, San Diego and IZA, Universität Bonn)\*

## 16. Parallel Session B

- Chair:** Thomas Bauer (IZA, Universität Bonn and CEPR)
- 15.30 – 17.00 **Group Interactions and Individual Background: Explaining Regional Shirking Differentials in a Large Italian Bank**  
Andrea Ichino (European University Institute, Firenze, and CEPR)\*  
Giovanni Maggi (Princeton University and NBER)
- 17.00 – 18.30 **Absenteeism and Employment Probation**  
Regina Riphahn (Universität München and CEPR)\*  
Anja Thalmaier (IZA, Universität Bonn)
- 19.00 **Dinner**

## 17. Parallel Session C

- Chair:** Jörn-Steffen Pischke (Massachusetts Institute of Technology and CEPR)
- 20.00 – 21.30 **Employment and the Distributional Effects of Restricting Working Time**  
Ramon Marimon (European University Institute, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, and CEPR)  
Fabrizio Zilibotti (Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholms Universitet and CEPR)\*

## 18. Parallel Session D

- Chair:** Jan van Ours (CentER, Tilburg University, and CEPR)
- 20.00 – 21.30 **Re-employment Probabilities and Returns to Matching**  
Barbara Petrongolo (Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, London School of Economics and CEPR)\*

## Saturday 18 September

### 19. Morning Session V

- Chair:** Zvi Eckstein (Tel Aviv University and CEPR)
- 9.30 – 11.30 **The Evolution of Labour Markets in Transitional Economics**  
Jan Svejnar (William Davidson Institute (WDI), University of Michigan, CERGE-EI, Prague, and CEPR)\*
- 12.30 **Lunch**

## 19. Parallel Session A

**Chair:** John Haisken DeNew (Deutsche Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW), Berlin)

15.30 – 17.00 **Post-Unification Wage Growth in East Germany**  
Jennifer Hunt (Yale University and CEPR)\*

17.00 – 18.30 **Estimating Wage Losses of Displaced Workers in Germany**  
Michael Burda (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin and CEPR)\*  
Antje Mertens (Max Planck Institute and Humboldt Universität zu Berlin)

## 20. Parallel Session B

**Chair:** Øivind Anti Nilsen (University of Bergen)

15.30 – 17.00 **Identifying the Effect of Unemployment on Crime**  
Steven Raphael (University of California)  
Rudolf Winter-Ebmer (University of Linz and CEPR)\*

17.00 – 18.30 **Demand Uncertainty, Mismatch and (Un)Employment – A Microeconomic Approach**  
Mohamed Jellal (CES, Université de Rabat)  
Jacques-François Thisse (CORE, Université Catholique de Louvain, CERAS, Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées, and CEPR)  
Yves Zenou (CERAS, Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées and CEPR)\*

## Organizers

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