



Area Conference 2014

on the Economics of Education

12–13 September

PROGRAMME

Friday, 12 September 2014

08:45 - 09:00 **Welcome & Introduction**
Eric A. Hanushek (Stanford University)

Session 1 – Plenary Session LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM



CESifo Young Affiliate Award Candidates I **Chair: Eric A. Hanushek**

09:00 - 09:45 **Do Changes in Student Quality Affect Teacher Mobility?**
Evidence from an Admission Reform
Krzysztof KARBOWNIK (Northwestern University)

09:45 - 10:30 **Ability Tracking, School and Parental Effort, and Student Achievement:**
A Structural Model and Estimation
Chao Fu and Nirav MEHTA (University of Western Ontario)

10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee Break**

Parallel Session 2 A LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM

Independent Schools **Chair: Victor Lavy**

11:00 - 11:45 **The Introduction of Academy Schools to England's Education**
Andrew Eyles and Stephen MACHIN (University College London)
Discussant: Michael Lovenheim

11:45 - 12:30 **Promise and Paradox:**
Measuring Students' Non-cognitive Skills and the Impact of Schooling
Martin R. WEST (Harvard Graduate School of Education), Matthew A. Kraft, Amy S. Finn,
Rebecca Martin, Angela L. Duckworth, Christopher F.O. Gabrieli and John D. E. Gabrieli
Discussant: Eric Bettinger

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Parallel Session 2 B

RICHARD MUSGRAVE ROOM

Financial Aid in Postsecondary Education

Chair: Sandra McNally

- 11:00 - 11:45 **Incentives, Subsidies and Postsecondary Attainment:
A Regression-Discontinuity Approach**
Susan DYNARSKI (University of Michigan), Ken Frank, Brian Jacob and Barbara Schneider
Discussant: Aderonke Osikominu
- 11:45 - 12:30 **Trade Unions in the Age of Litigation**
Richard MURPHY (The University of Texas at Austin)
Discussant: Andrew Barr
- 12:30 - 13:30 **Lunch**

Session 3 - Plenary Session

LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM

Skills and the Labor Market

Chair: Eric Bettinger

- 13:30 - 14:15 **Returns to Skills around the World: Evidence from PIAAC**
Eric A. Hanushek, Guido Schwerdt, Simon Wiederhold and Ludger WOESSMANN (University of Munich, Ifo Institute)
Discussant: A. Abigail Payne
- 14:15 - 15:00 **Does Early Educational Tracking Increase Migrant-Native Achievement Gaps?
Differences-in-Differences Evidence Across Countries**
Jens Ruhose and Guido SCHWERDT (University of Konstanz)
Discussant: Lant Pritchett
- 15:00 - 15:30 **Coffee Break**

Parallel Session 4 A

LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM

School Policies

Chair: Michael Lovenheim

15:30 - 16:15 **Double for Nothing?**

The Effects of Unconditional Teacher Salary Increases on Student Performance

Karthik MURALIDHARAN (University of California, San Diego), Halsey Rogers, Joppe de Ree and Menno Pradhan

Discussant: Richard Murphy

16:15 - 17:00 **Curriculum and Ideology**

Davide CANTONI (University of Munich), Yuyu Chen, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman and Y. Jane Zhang

Discussant: Thomas S. Dee

Parallel Session 4 B

RICHARD MUSGRAVE ROOM

Studying Online

Chair: Susan Dynarski

15:30 - 16:15 **Changing Distributions:**

How Online College Classes Alter Student and Professor Performance

Eric Bettinger, Lindsay Fox, Susanna LOEB (Stanford University) and Eric Taylor

Discussant: Stephen Machin

16:15 - 17:00 **Engaging Students in Large Classes:**

Tutorials, Online Homework ... Does Anything Work?

Karen Menard, Bridget O'Shaughnessy and A. Abigail PAYNE (McMaster University)

Discussant: Edwin Leuven

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



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Session 5 – Plenary Session

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CESifo Young Affiliate Award Candidates II

Chair: Eric A. Hanushek

17:15 - 18:00 **Fighting for Education: Veterans and Financial Aid**
Andrew BARR (University of Virginia)

19:00 **Conference Dinner (*Zum Franziskaner*)**

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Parallel Session 6 A

LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM

Higher Education and the Labor Market

Chair: Ludger Woessmann

09:00 - 09:45 **An Experimental Study of the Value of Postsecondary Credentials in the Labor Market**
David J. DEMING (Harvard Graduate School of Education), Amira Abulafi, Noam Yuchtman,
Claudia Goldin and Lawrence Katz
Discussant: Davide Cantoni

09:45 - 10:30 **Field of Study, Earnings, and Self-Selection**
Lars Kirkebøen, Edwin LEUVEN (University of Oslo) and Magne Mogstad
Discussant: Susan Dynarski

Parallel Session 6 B

RICHARD MUSGRAVE ROOM

Teacher Performance

Chair: Martin R. West

09:00 - 09:45 **Incentives, Selection, and Teacher Performance: Evidence from IMPACT**
Thomas S. DEE (Stanford University) and James Wyckoff
Discussant: Guido Schwerdt

09:45 - 10:30 **The Impact of Teacher Skills on Student Performance across Countries**
Eric A. Hanushek, Marc PIOPIUNIK (Ifö Institute at the University of Munich)
and Simon Wiederhold
Discussant: Susanna Loeb

10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee Break**

Parallel Session 7 A
LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM

Family Backgrounds
Chair: Susanna Loeb

11:00 - 11:45 **The Importance of Nature-Nurture Interactions for Behavioral and Economic Outcomes: Evidence from a Large Sample of Swedish Adoptees**
Gunnar Branden, Mikael LINDAHL (Uppsala University) and Björn Öckert
Discussant: Martin R. West

11:45 - 12:30 **Paternal Unemployment during Childhood: Causal Effects on Youth Worklessness and Educational Attainment**
Steffen Müller, Regina T. RIPAHL (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg)
and Caroline Schwientek
Discussant: Krzysztof Karbownik

Parallel Session 7 B
RICHARD MUSGRAVE ROOM

New Perspectives on Class Size
Chair: Edwin Leuven

11:00 - 11:45 **The Effects of Class Size in Online College Courses: Experimental Evidence**
Eric BETTINGER (Stanford University), Christopher Doss, Susanna Loeb and Eric Taylor
Discussant: Victor Lavy

11:45 - 12:30 **Context Matters for Size: Why External Validity Claims and Development Practice Don't Mix**
Lant PRITCHETT (Harvard Kennedy School) and Justin Sandefur
Discussant: Karthik Muralidharan

12:30 - 13:30 **Lunch**

Parallel Session 8 A

LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM

New Evidence on Returns to Education

Chair: Jeffrey Smith

- 13:30 - 14:15 **Returning to Returns: Revisiting the Education Evidence**
Peter DOLTON (University of Sussex) and Matteo Sandi
Discussant: Nirav Mehta
- 14:15 - 15:00 **The Importance of State Human Capital**
Eric A. HANUSHEK (Stanford University), Jens Ruhose and Ludger Woessmann
Discussant: Jeffrey Smith

Parallel Session 8 B

RICHARD MUSGRAVE ROOM

Childhood Environments

Chair: A. Abigail Payne

- 13:30 - 14:15 **Family Structure and the Gender Gap in Educational and Behavioral Outcomes**
David H. Autor, David N. FIGLIO (Northwestern University), Krzysztof Karbownik,
Jeff Roth and Melanie Wasserman
Discussant: Mikael Lindahl
- 14:15 - 15:00 **Evaluating a demand-side approach to expanding free pre-school education**
J. Blanden, E. Del Bono, K. Hansen, Sandra MCNALLY (University of Surrey) and B. Rabe
Discussant: Regina T. Riphahn
- 15:00 - 15:30 **Coffee Break**

Parallel Session 9 A

LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM

New Directions in School Choice Research

Chair: Thomas S. Dee

- 15:30 - 16:15 **Long Run Effects of Free School Choice:
College Attainment, Employment, Earnings, and, Social Outcomes at Adulthood**
Victor LAVY (University of Warwick, Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Discussant: David J. Deming

16:15 - 17:00 **Does Choice Increase Information? Evidence from Online School Search Behavior**
Michael F. LOVENHEIM (Cornell University) and Patrick Walsh
Discussant: Sandra McNally

Parallel Session 9 B
RICHARD MUSGRAVE ROOM

Producing Labor-Market Skills
Chair: Stephen Machin

15:30 - 16:15 **Are Sociocultural Factors Important for Studying a Science University Major?**
Volker Grossmann, Aderonke OSIKOMINU (University of Hohenheim) and Marius Osterfeld
Discussant: David N. Figlio

16:15 - 17:00 **Handbook Chapter on Public Training**
Brian McCall, Jeffrey SMITH (University of Michigan) and Conny Wunsch
Discussant: Eric A. Hanushek

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

Session 10 – Plenary Session
LUDWIG ERHARD ROOM



The Jacobs Foundation Lecture
Chair: Eric A. Hanushek

17:15 - 18:15 **Managerial human capital & The Wealth of Nations**
John VAN REENEN (London School of Economics)

18:15 - 19:00 **Concluding Wine Reception**