

Economics of Education

Munich, 1 - 2 September 2023

Program

Presenting authors are denoted in capital letters

The timing is 45 min. in total: 25 min. presentation | 5 min. discussant | 15 min. general discussion

Friday, 1 September 2023

08:45 – 09:00 **Welcome and Introduction incl. African Education Fellows**
ERIC A. HANUSHEK (Stanford University) and LUDGER WOESSMANN (LMU Munich and ifo Institute)

Session 1 – Plenary Session – Ludwig Erhard Room

CESifo Young Affiliate Award Candidates I

Chair: Eric A. Hanushek

09:00 – 09:45 **College Major Choice and Beliefs about Relative Performance: An Experimental Intervention to Understand Gender Gaps in STEM**
STEPHANIE OWEN (Colby College)

09:45 – 10:30 **Inheritance of Fields of Study**
ADAM ALTMEJD (Stockholm University)

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

Session 2a – Parallel Session – Ludwig Erhard Room

Reading Interventions

Chair: David Figlio

11:00 – 11:45 **A Scalable Approach to High-Impact Tutoring for Young Readers: Results of a Randomized Controlled Trial**
SUSANNA LOEB (Stanford University)
Discussant: Peter Bergman

11:45 – 12:30 **Learning to Read: Long-Run Impacts of a Literacy Intervention on Educational and Life Outcomes in Uganda**
JEFFREY SMITH (University of Wisconsin)
Discussant: Wayne Sandholtz

Session 2b – Parallel Session – Peggy and Richard Musgrave Room**Student Loans****Chair: Sandra McNally**

- 11:00 – 11:45 **Student Debt, Earnings and Life Decisions: Can Income-Contingent Loans Reduce Constraints?**
ABIGAIL A. PAYNE (University of Melbourne)
Discussant: Sarah Turner
- 11:45 – 12:30 **Offer Valid? Effects of Student Loan Offers on Educational Attainment, Credit, and Earnings**
Benjamin Marx, LESLEY J. TURNER (University of Chicago)
Discussant: Susan Dynarski

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

Session 3a – Parallel Session – Ludwig Erhard Room**Multitasking, Patience, and Achievement****Chair: Peter Bergman**

- 13:30 – 14:15 **The Effect of Multitasking on Educational Outcomes and Academic Dishonesty**
VICTOR LAVY (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Discussant: Helena Skyt Nielsen
- 14:15 – 15:00 **Can Patience Account for Regional Differences in Student Achievement? A Within-Country Analysis of Facebook Interests**
LUDGER WOESSMANN (ifo Institute and LMU Munich)
Discussant: David Figlio

Session 3b – Parallel Session – Peggy and Richard Musgrave Room**Vocational Qualifications and Labor-Market Outcomes****Chair: Sarah Turner**

- 13:30 – 14:15 **Does Vocational Education Work? Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Mongolia**
OFER MALAMUD (Northwestern University)
Discussant: Damon Clark
- 14:15 – 15:00 **Young People, Human Capital Investment and the Great Recession**
SANDRA MCNALLY (University of Surrey, London School of Economics),
Chiara Cavaglia
Discussant: Simon Wiederhold

15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee Break**

Session 4a – Parallel Session – Ludwig Erhard Room

College Interventions

Chair: Lesley J. Turner

15:30 – 16:15 **Experimental Evidence on the Effects of College Quality and Match on Educational Attainment**

SUSAN DYNARSKI (Harvard University)

Discussant: Andrew Barr

16:15 – 17:00 **Relative Performance Feedback and Long-Term Tasks – Experimental Evidence from Higher Education**

RAPHAEL BRADE (ifo Institute and LMU Munich), Oliver Himmler, Robert Jäckle

Discussant: Susanna Loeb

Session 4b – Parallel Session – Peggy and Richard Musgrave Room

Teachers and Gender

Chair: Margherita Fort

15:30 – 16:15 **The Male Shortcut to Math Achievement**

Simon Calmar Andersen, Henrik Hansen, Loa B. Joelsdottir

HELENA SKYT NIELSEN (Aarhus University)

Discussant: Eric Taylor

16:15 – 17:00 **Quota vs Quality? Long-Term Gains from an Unusual Gender Quota**

URSINA SCHAEDE (MIT)

Discussant: Thomas Buser

17:00 – 17:15 **Coffee Break**

Session 5 – Plenary Session – Ludwig Erhard Room

CESifo Young Affiliate Award Candidates II

Chair: Helena Skyt Nielsen

17:15 – 18:00 **Secondary School Access Raises Primary School Achievement: Evidence from Free Secondary Education in Tanzania**

WAYNE SANDHOLTZ (Nova School of Business and Economics)

19:00 **Conference Dinner**

Saturday, 2 September 2023

Session 6a – Parallel Session – Ludwig Erhard Room

Higher Education

Chair: Susan Dynarski

09:00 – 09:45 **Contexts of Convenience: Generalizing from Published Evaluations of School Finance Policies**

ERIC A. HANUSHEK and Danielle V. Handel

Discussant: Jeffrey Smith

09:45 – 10:30 **The Nine (or more?) Lives of the Student Loan Payment Pause**

SARAH TURNER (University of Virginia)

Discussant: Lesley J. Turner

Session 6b – Parallel Session – Peggy and Richard Musgrave Room

Parental Beliefs

Chair: Kjell G. Salvanes

09:00 – 09:45 **Parental Beliefs, Behaviours and Time-use Investments Towards Pre-schoolers**

MARGHERITA FORT (University of Bologna), Maria Bigoni, Daniela Iorio, Chiara Monfardini, Annalisa Guarini, Alessandra Sansavini, Roberto Caputo, Stefania Bortolotti, Chiara Suttora

Discussant: Ulf Zoelitz

09:45 – 10:30 **How Do Parents Choose Schools? Evidence from Choices and a Survey of Choosers**

DAMON CLARK (UC Irvine), Paco Martorell, Matthew Wiswall

Discussant: Steven Rivkin

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

Session 7a – Parallel Session – Ludwig Erhard Room

Education During the Covid-19 Pandemic

Chair: Ludger Woessmann

11:00 – 11:45 **Building Resilient Education Systems: Evidence from Large-Scale Randomized Trials in Five Countries**

PETER BERGMAN (Columbia University)

Discussant: Ofer Malamud

11:45 – 12:30 **Trends in Special Education Identification During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Evidence from Michigan**

Bryant Hopkins, Katharine Strunk, SCOTT IMBERMAN (Michigan State University), Adrea Truckenmiller, Matthew Guzman, Marisa Fisher

Discussant: Adam Altmejd

Session 7b – Parallel Session – Peggy and Richard Musgrave Room

Gender Role Models

Chair: Abigail A. Payne

- 11:00 – 11:45 **Same-Sex Role Model Effects in Education**
Alexandra de Gendre, Jan Feld, Nicolás Salamanca, ULF ZOELITZ (University of Zurich)
Discussant: Ursina Schaede
- 11:45 – 12:30 **Do Role Models Matter in Large Classes? New Evidence on Gender Match Effects in Higher Education**
GUIDO SCHWERDT (University of Konstanz), Stephan Maurer, Simon Wiederhold
Discussant: Stephanie Owen

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

Session 8a – Parallel Session – Ludwig Erhard Room

Early Child Development

Chair: Susanna Loeb

- 13:30 – 14:15 **Childhood Shocks Across Ages and Human Capital Formation**
KJELL G. SALVANES (Norwegian School of Economics), Alexander Willen
Discussant: Krzysztof Karbownik
- 14:15 – 15:00 **The Heterogeneous Long-Run Effects of Universal Pre-K**
ANDREW BARR (Texas A&M University)
Discussant: Margherita Fort

Session 8b – Parallel Session – Peggy and Richard Musgrave Room

Teacher Productivity

Chair: Victor Lavy

- 13:30 – 14:15 **Individual Learning by Doing and Teacher Productivity**
ERIC TAYLOR (Harvard University)
Discussant: Michael F. Lovenheim
- 14:15 – 15:00 **The Effects of Comprehensive Educator Evaluation and Pay Reform on Achievement**
STEVEN RIVKIN (University of Illinois - Chicago)
Discussant: Scott Imberman

15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee Break**

Session 9a – Parallel Session – Ludwig Erhard Room

Remediation and Retention

Chair: Michael F. Lovenheim

- 15:30 – 16:15 **The Unintended Consequences of Test-Based Remediation**
DAVID FIGLIO (University of Rochester), Umut Ozek
Discussant: Victor Lavy

16:15 – 17:00 **Sibling Spillover Effects of Grade Retention**
KRZYSZTOF KARBOWNIK (Emory University), David Figlio, Umut Ozek
Discussant: Guido Schwerdt

Session 9b – Parallel Session – Peggy and Richard Musgrave Room

Returns to Skills

Chair: Jeffrey Smith

15:30 – 16:15 **The Value of Early-Career Skills**
Christina Langer, SIMON WIEDERHOLD (Halle Institute for Economic Research)
Discussant: Sandra McNally

16:15 – 17:00 **Using Genes to Explore the Effects of Cognitive and Non-cognitive Skills on Education and Labor Market Outcomes**
THOMAS BUSER (University of Amsterdam), Rafael Ahlskog, Magnus Johannesson, Philipp Koellinger, Sven Oskarsson
Discussant: Kjell G. Salvanes

17:00 – 17:15 **Coffee Break**

Session 10 – Plenary Session – Ludwig Erhard Room

Keynote Lecture

Chair: Hanushek

17:15 – 18:15 **Online but Connected: Online Tutoring and Student Outcomes**
ELIANA LA FERRARA (Harvard Kennedy School)

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