

# Swiss Leading House VPET-ECON

A Research Center on the Economics of Education, Firm Behavior and Training Policies

## Call for Papers

Second International Leading House Conference on the  
“Economics of Vocational Education and Training”

June 12, 2024 (late afternoon) – June 14, 2024 (lunchtime)

University of Zurich, Switzerland

Keynote Speakers:

**Pierre Cahuc, SciencesPo, France**

**Hanna Virtanen, ETLA, Finland**

The conference also celebrates the

**50th Anniversary of the Edding Commission and Cost-Benefit Analyses of  
Apprenticeship Training**

with a keynote address on current cost-benefit analyses by **Samuel Mühlemann, LMU**, a keynote address on the historical context by **Dieter Sadowski, Trier University** and special sessions on cost-benefit analyses organized jointly with **Harald Pfeifer (BIBB)** and **Jürg Schweri (EHB)**.

**The Swiss Leading House VPET-ECON** organizes its second international conference on the economics of vocational education and training (VET).

**Topics of Interest** The conference offers an opportunity to present theoretical, empirical, and experimental research. Topics of interest include but are not limited to: (vocational) educational reforms and labor market outcomes; characteristics of training programs and labor market outcomes; economic shocks and apprenticeships; training and firm level productivity; human capital and innovation; generative AI, automation, digitalization and labor market effects; interplay of cognitive and non-cognitive skills; returns to different types of education; skills formation across the life-span; social background and educational choices; cost-benefit analyses of apprenticeship training. The conference consists of presentations and poster sessions.

**Target Group** We are inviting experienced researchers and young researchers alike to present their research at the conference. We aim to lay the foundations for a strong network of researchers in the field of VET Economics. A small number of modest travel grants is available for young researchers undergoing financial hardship (detailed explanations required upon submission).

For more information see:

<https://www.educationeconomics.uzh.ch/en.html>

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Research and Innovation (SERI)

**Deadline** Researchers interested in presenting at the conference are invited to submit a full paper by email to [vetconference@business.uzh.ch](mailto:vetconference@business.uzh.ch) until

**February 29, 2024.**

Authors will be informed of their acceptance by mid of March 2024.

**Submission of Papers** Please submit your full paper in the following format:

1. Submission-email including last name, first name, email address of corresponding and presenting author
2. Attachment with pdf document entitled:  
„LastName\_FirstName\_ShortTitle“

**Further Information** will be available on the conference website. In case of any question, please send us an email to [vetconference@business.uzh.ch](mailto:vetconference@business.uzh.ch). If you know researchers who might be interested in presenting, please spread the word.



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