

Ph.D. Course

Microeconomic Foundations of Economics of Education

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Introduction

- Why an “Economics” of Education?
- Economics of Vocational Education
- Measuring Educational Performance

Efficiency of Educational Production

- The Education Production Function
- Class-size Effects: Econometric Identification and Interpretation
- Institutional Effects: Principals, Agents and Incentives
- Accountability and Central Exams
- School Autonomy
- School Choice and School Competition
- Teacher Quality and Teacher Incentives

Equity of Educational Production

- Family-background Effects
- Intergenerational Mobility
- Peer Effects
- Tracking
- Choice and Equity
- Other Determinants of Educational Equity

The Lifecycle of Education Policy

- Dynamic Synergies in Skill Formation
- Early Childhood Education
- Vocational Education
- Higher Education
- Lifelong Learning

Concluding Considerations on Topics and Methods for Research