

Swiss Leading House VPET-ECON

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

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

Program 2022

Wednesday, June 15

16:30-17:00 *Registration*

17:00-17.10 *Welcome and Conference Opening – Lecture Hall KOL-F-104*

Uschi Backes-Gellner and Stefan C. Wolter, Co-Directors of the Leading House VPET-ECON

17:10-18:00 *Keynote Lecture I – Lecture Hall KOL-F-104*

Chair: Uschi Backes-Gellner

Eric Bettinger, Stanford University

Colombian Vocational Schools and Vouchers: A 30-Year Reflection

19:00 *Welcome Dinner – Restaurant Commihalle, Stampfenbachstrasse 8, 8001 Zurich*

Thursday, June 16

09:00-10:30 Panel Session A

Session A1: Changes in the Supply of Skilled Workers - an International Perspective – Room RAA-E-29

Session Chair: Simon Janssen

Samuel Muehlemann, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich

The Consequences of EU Eastern Enlargement on Human Capital Accumulation and Wages in Germany

Rubain Bankole, University of Parakou

Dual Apprenticeship in Benin: Pitfalls and Strategies of the Stakeholders

Damiano Pregaldini, University of Zurich & Swiss Leading House VPET-ECON

The Effects of Opening Borders on Firms' Apprenticeship Training

Session A2: Labor Market Returns to Different Educational Paths – Room RAA-E-27

Session Chair: Tobias Schlegel

Theresa Michlbauer, Julius-Maximilians-University of Würzburg

Income Risks of Vocational and Academic Tertiary Education - More Money, Higher Risks?

DilChandra Pandey, Himalaya Institute of Technology

Returns to Formal TVET in Nepal: A Case of Civil Engineering

Sönke Hendrik Matthewes, University of Potsdam & Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)

Labour Market Returns to Vocational Education in the Presence of Multiple Alternatives

Session A3: Effect of External Shocks on Education – Room RAA-E-21

Session Chair: Andreas Kuhn

Madison Dell, Stanford University

The Effect of Postsecondary Institutions on Local Economies: A Bird's-eye View

Daniel Goller, University of Bern & Swiss Leading House VPET-ECON

Sitting Next to a Dropout: Study Success of Students with Peers that Came to the Lecture Hall by a Different Route

Patrick Bennett, University of Liverpool

The Work-to-School Transition: Job Displacement and Skill Upgrading Among Young High School Dropouts

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break – RAA Atrium, Ground Floor

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11:00-12:30 Panel Session B

Session B1: Firms' Training Decisions and Investments – Room RAA-E-29

Session Chair: Guido Schwerdt

Harald Pfeifer, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB)

Managers' Risk Preferences and Firm Training Investments

Richard Wolff, Otto-Friedrich-University of Bamberg

Justice Perceptions of Occupational Training Subsidies: Findings from a Factorial Survey

Patrick McDonald, ETH Zurich

Determinants and Consequences of Employer-Provided Training Program Resilience Post-Covid-19

Session B2: The Effects of the Covid 19 Pandemic on VET – Room RAA-E-27

Session Chair: Daniel Goller

Sandra Dummert, Institute for Employment Research (IAB)

The Short-Run Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Vocational Education in Germany

Guillaume Maxence Morlet, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich

Working from Home is Here to Stay, But How Does It Affect Learning Processes? Evidence from Swiss Apprentices During the COVID19 Pandemic

José Ramirez, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland

What Kind of Support Do Firms Need to Hire Apprentices During Recessions?

Session B3: Skills in Curricula and Labor Market Outcomes – Room RAA-E-21

Session Chair: Filippo Pusterla

Andreas Bühler, University of Zurich & Swiss Leading House VPET-ECON

Different Dimensions of Curriculum Updates: Effects on Workers' Labor Market Outcomes

Christina Langer, Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt

The Value of Skills: New Evidence from Apprenticeship Plans

Maurizio Strazzeri, University of Bern & Swiss Leading House VPET-ECON

Foreign Language Training and Educational Choices: Evidence from a Curriculum Reform in Switzerland

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break - RAA Atrium, Ground Floor

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14:00-15:30 Panel Session C

Session C1: Occupational and Educational Choices – Room RAA-E-29

Session Chair: Harald Pfeifer

Jürg Schweri, Swiss Federal University for Vocational Education and Training (SFUVET)

Too Young to Choose? Students' Age and Their Choice of Academic Versus Vocational Education

Patrick Lehnert, University of Zurich & Swiss Leading House VPET-ECON

Social Norms and Gender-Typical Occupational Choices

Andreas Kuhn, Swiss Federal University for Vocational Education and Training (SFUVET) & University of Bern

The Geography of Occupational Choice: Descriptive Evidence from the Swiss Apprenticeship Market

Session C2: Digitalization, Education and Labor Market Outcomes – Room RAA-E-27

Session Chair: Samuel Mühlemann

Yuxi Heluo, University of Vienna

Direct and Indirect Effects of Job Computerization on Occupational Employment and Wages

Fabienne Kiener, University of Zurich & Swiss Leading House VPET-ECON

How IT Progress Affects Returns to Specialization and Social Skills

Simon Janssen, Institute for Employment Research (IAB)

The Effect of Automation Technology on Workers' Training Participation

Session C3: Analysis of Policy Reforms and Programs Related to VET – Room RAA-E-21

Session Chair: Damiano Pregaldini

Judith Saurer, Julius-Maximilians-University of Würzburg

Skills and Policies: What Matters for Companies' Decision to Train Refugees? An Experimental Approach

Asgeir Skålholt, Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education (NIFU)

Generalizing Vocational Education – Effects on Completion in Upper Secondary in Norway

Julia Lang, Institute for Employment Research (IAB)

Should I Train or Should I Go? Estimating Treatment Effects of Retraining on Regional and Occupational Mobility

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break - RAA Atrium, Ground Floor

16:00-16:50 Keynote Lecture II - Room RAA-G-01

Chair: Stefan C. Wolter

Sandra McNally, Centre for Vocational Education Research (CVER)-London School of Economics & University of Surrey

What Makes a Good College? Experience from England

19:00 Conference Dinner – Zunfthaus zur Zimmerleuten, Limmatquai 40, 8001 Zurich

Friday, June 17

09:00-10:30 Panel Session D

Session D1: Gender Differences – Room RAA-E-29

Session Chair: Jürg Schweri

Patricia Palffy, University of Zurich & Swiss Leading House VPET-ECON

Countering Gender Typicality in Occupational Choices: An Information Intervention Targeted at Adolescents

Gabriele Wydra-Somaggio, Institute for Employment Research (IAB)

When Do Our Paths Diverge? Development of Gender Wages During the Early Labour Market Career of German Apprenticeship Graduates

Maria Petrillo, University of Sheffield & Centre for Vocational Education Research (CVER) London School of Economics

Variation in Parenthood Wage Effect: A Human Capital Approach

Session D2: Determinants of Cognitive Skills – Room RAA-E-27

Session Chair: Maurizio Strazzeri

Guido Schwerdt, University of Konstanz

The Intergenerational Transmission of Cognitive Skills: An Investigation of the Causal Impact of Families on Student Outcomes

Jani-Petteri Ollikainen, The Labour Institute for Economic Research (LABORE)

Effect of Secondary Education on Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skills

Paul Bingley, VIVE – The Danish Center for Social Science Research

Military Service, Vocational Training and Skills: Evidence from a Draft Lottery

Session D3: Skill Demand and Firms' Hiring Strategies – Room RAA-E-21

Session Chair: Fabienne Kiener

Aranya Sritharan, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich

Does Familiarity with Vocational and Professional Education Shape Employers' Educational Preferences in Hiring Processes?

Harald Pfeifer, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB)

Make-or-buy: do Hiring Costs for Skilled Workers affect Firms' Demand for Apprentices?

Filippo Pusterla, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich

Does ICT Affect the Demand for Vocationally Educated Workers?

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break - RAA Atrium, Ground Floor

11:00-11:50 Keynote Lecture III – Room RAA-G-01

Chair: Uschi Backes-Gellner

Bernd Fitzenberger, Institute for Employment Research (IAB)

Applicant Shortages and Growing Frictions: A Matching Function Approach to Apprentice Hiring in Germany

11:50-12:00 Farewell