Anouncing three meetings

LoWER Workshop on Job Insecurity and Training
7-8 March 2008, Berlin School of Economics

Joint workshop
Low-wage Work in Europe – Changing the Debate?
18 April 2008
Artis Conference Centre, Amsterdam

with
Robert Solow
Eric Wanner
President Russell Sage Foundation

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Concluding Conference
Institutions, Markets and European Unemployment Revisited: What Have We Learned?
18 & 19 April 2008
University of Amsterdam

The conference is dedicated to the memory of Arthur Okun, 1943-2007

Robert M. Solow on Inflation, Unemployment and Institutions
Richard Freeman in debate with
John Martin

Other Contributors:
Bruno Amable
Andrea Bassanini
Vonda Caren
Bertil Holmstrom
David Howell
Alan Krueger
Ronald I. Kahn
Denis Sonner

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Friday, 7 March 2008

13.30 – 14.15 p.m.
Keynote
Michael Burda (Humboldt University Berlin)
Temporary Employment

14.15 – 15.45 p.m.
Session 1: Marginal and temporary employment

René Böheim/Ana Cardoso
Temporary Agency Work in Portugal

Ronny Freier/Viktor Steiner
‘Marginal Employment’: Stepping Stone or Dead End?

15.45 – 16.15 p.m.
Coffee break

16.15 – 17.45
Session 2: Job security
Claudio Lucifora/Alex Bryson/Lorenzo Cappelari
Do Job Security Guarantees Work?

Vanessa Gash
Insider and Outsider Markets,
Where not to Accept a Temporary Contract

Session 3: Labour market policies
Bettina Kohlrausch
A Ticket to Work? Labour Markets and Life Courses: Policies for the Young Unemployed in Britain and Insider and Outsider Markets, Germany

Gesine Stephan/Kathi Zickert
Participation of Unemployment Benefit Recipients in Labour Market Measures: Germany before and after the Hartz IV Reform

20.00
Workshop dinner
Saturday, 8 March 2008

9.00 – 9.45 Keynote
Giorgio Brunello (University of Padova)
Changes in Compulsory Schooling, Education and the Distribution of Wages in Europe

9.45 – 11.15
Session 4: Returns to education
Fran McGinnity / Seamus Mc Buiness, Philip O’Connell
Changing Returns to Education during a Boom: The Case of Ireland
Annemarie Nelen / Andries de Grip
Part-time Employment and Human Capital Development

Session 5: Training 1
Trudie Schils / Didier Fouarge
Participation in Training and its Effect on the Decision to Retire Early
Jo Blanden / Patrick Sturgis / Peter Urwin
Lifelong Learning and Social Mobility

11.15 – 11.45 Coffee break

11.45 – 13.15
Session 6: Health
Ioannis Theodossiou, The Health - Socioeconomic Status Relationship and the Role of Public Policies in the US and UK
Miriam Beblo / Renate Ortlieb
The Impact of Working Conditions and Household Context on Employee Absenteeism

Session 7: Training / mobility
Dimitris Pavlopoulos
Low-pay mobility and training in the UK, Netherlands and Germany
Maite Blázquez / Wiemer Salverda
Mobility out of low pay, the role of education and on-the-job training

13.15 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.00
Session 8: Training 2
Rita Asplund / Mika Maliranta
Training and Hiring Strategies to Improve Firm Performance
Peter Sloane
Training, Job Satisfaction and Workplace Performance in Britain; Evidence from WERS 2004

Session 9: Schooling outcomes
Jens Mohrenweiser / Thomas Zwick
Costs and Benefits of Different Professions in the Dual Apprenticeship System
Stefan Wolter
Wrong track in school - bad start in working life? Results from the Swiss PISA 2000 cohort

16.00 – 16.30 LoWER business meeting
7-8 March 2008, Berlin School of Economics
Organisers: Antje Mertens, Thomas Zwick and Wiemer Salverda

Location

Berlin School of Economics
(Fachhochschule für Wirtschaft, FHW)
Badensche Strasse 50/51
10825 Berlin

Registration

Workshop participants, not being invitees presenting a paper or keynote lecture, will have to pay a fee of Eur 125. This also applies to LoWER members attending, notably including also those contributing a paper. Payments are preferably done in cash at the start of the meeting in exchange for a payment receipt. If for reimbursement your institution does not allow cash payment, please contact the network coordinator about this.

Please register here: http://www.aiasbase.nl/7
Deadline for registration is: 1 March 2008

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Information

Go to this website for all the latest information:
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The conference is organised by:
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Thomas Zwick zwick@zew.de
Wiemer Salverda Wiemer Salverda

If you have any questions please contact one of the organisers.
At the workshop the main results will be presented of an extensive research project, cooperatively undertaken by five European research institutions, which was initiated and generously funded by the Russell Sage Foundation, New York. The research consisted of in-depth studies of low-wage employment in five European countries and a comparison to the United States.
Programme
(provisional)

11:15 - 13:00 Press Conference

11:15 Why This Project?  
Eric Wanner

11:30 The European results from an American Perspective  
John Schmitt (invited)

11:45 Presentation of Four National Studies  
Presentation by Eric Wanner to John Martin

- Low-wage Work in Denmark
- Low-wage Work, in France
- Low-wage Work in Germany
- Low-wage Work in the United Kingdom

Speech by John Martin

12:00 Introduction to Low-wage Work in the Netherlands  
Wiemer Salverda

12:15 Presentation  
Presentation by Eric Wanner to Loes van Embden Andres and Wilna Wind

Short Speeches by Loes van Embden Andres and Wilna Wind

12:30 Room for questions

13:00 Lunch

The five books are available for € 50, see the special offer, further in the newsletter.
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Free to attend

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18-19 April
Institutions, Markets and European Unemployment Revisited – What have we learned?
12.5 years Anniversary Workshop of European Low-wage Employment Research (LoWER network, Fee € 150 (combined with the LoWER conference fee € 175)
Low-Wage Work in Europe – Changing the Debate?

Low-Wage Work in Germany

Niels Westergaard-Nielsen, editor

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The Russell Sage Foundation Case Studies of Job Quality in Advanced Economies

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Friday afternoon 18 April

Programme

13:00  Registration and buffet lunch

14:00  Welcome
       Chair: Tom Wansbeek

14:05  Andrew Glyn – Short Praise of a Long Commitment
       Wiemer Salverda

14:10  Inflation, Unemployment, Institutions - Theoretical Frontiers (prov.)
       Robert Solow

15:00  Long-Run Inflation-Unemployment Dynamics: The Phillips Curve
       and Economic Policy
       Dennis Snower and Marika Karanassou
       Discussant: tba

15:45  Break

16:05  The Swedish Unemployment Experience
       Bertil Holmlund
       Discussant: Karl Pichelmann

16:50  Searching for Jobs, the Misery of the Unemployed
       Alan Krueger and Adreas Muller
       Discussant: Joachim Moeller (invited)

17:40  Drinks

20:00  Conference dinner
09:00 Conference room open

Chair: Mary Gregory

09:30 International Comparison of Institutional Change and Unemployment
Andrea Bassanini
Discussant: tba

10:20 Break

10:40 The (In)coherence of Institutions
Bruno Amable
Discussant: tba

11:30 Labor Market Institutions and Employment
David Howell
Discussant: tba

12:30 Lunch

Chair: Wiemer Salverda

13:30 Wages, Demand, and Employment
Wendy Carlin
Discussant: Coen Teulings (invited)

14:20 Shocks, Monetary Policy and Unemployment
Ronald Schettkat/ Rongrong Sun
Discussant: tba

15:10 Break

15:30 The Ten Commandments of the OECD face the Evidence in Europe and the US
Richard Freeman
Discussant: John Martin
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Part 1 Inequality: Overview, Concepts and Measurement

1. Introduction: The scope and worries of economic inequality
   Brian Nolan, Wiemer Salverda and Timothy M. Smeeding

2. Concepts and theories of inequality
   John E. Roemer (Yale)

3. The measurement of economic inequality
   Stephen Jenkins (Essex) and Philippe van Kerm (CEPS)

Part 2 The Extent of Inequality

4. Income inequality
   Andrea Brandolini (Banca d’Italia) and Timothy M. Smeeding

5. Functional and personal distribution
   Andrew Glyn (Oxford – sadly Andrew died in December 2007)

6. Wealth and economic inequality
   James B. Davies (Western Ontario)

7. High incomes and inequality
   Andrew Leigh (Canberra)

Part 3 Earnings inequality

8. Inequality and earnings distribution
   Francine D. Blau and Lawrence M. Kahn (Cornell)

9. Inequality and the labour market: employers
   Julia Lane (NORC/Chicago)

10. Inequality and the labour market: unions
    Jelle Visser (Amsterdam) and Daniele Cebcchi (Milan)

11. Low pay
    Claudio Lucifora (Milan) and Wiemer Salverda

12. Gender and economic inequality
    Mary B. Gregory (Oxford)

Part 4 Dimensions of inequality

13. Inequality, poverty and exclusion
    Brian Nolan and Ive Marx (Antwerp)

14. Inequality, consumption and time use
    Nancy Folbre (Massachusetts, Amherst)

15. Inequality and happiness
    Bernard van Praag (Amsterdam) and Ada Ferrer-i-Carbonell (IAE Barcelona)

16. Health and economic inequalities
    Andrew Leigh, Christopher Jencks (Harvard) and Timothy M. Smeeding

17. Inequality and education
    Stephen Machin (London)

Part 5 The Dynamics of Inequality

18. Demographic transformation and economic inequality
    Gary Burtless (Brookings)

19. Migration, ethnicity and economic inequality
    Klaus Zimmermann and Martin Kabanec (IZA)

20. Intergenerational economic inequality
    Anders Björklund (Stockholm) and Markus Jäntti (Abo, LIS)
21. Intragenerational inequality and intertemporal mobility
Richard V. Burkhauser (Cornell) and Kenneth A. Couch (Connecticut)

Part 6 Global perspectives on inequality

22. Inequality, growth and sectoral change
Sarah Voitchovsky (Oxford)

23. Trade, skills and globalization
Richard B. Freeman (Harvard, NBER and LSE)

24. Poverty and Inequality: The Global Context
Francisco H.G. Ferreira and Martin Ravallion (World Bank)

25. Economic inequality and the welfare state
Gosta Esping-Andersen (Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona) and John Myles (Toronto)

26. Inequality and policy making
Nolan McCarty and Jonas Pontusson (Princeton)

27. Prospects for achieving equality in market economies
John E. Roemer

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