

15th
International Workshop on Applied
Economics of Education
(IWAEE)

Programme

June 15th - 17th, 2025

Sunday 15th June

Location: Hotel Perla del Porto, Catanzaro Lido (CZ)

19:00- Registration (Lobby Hotel)

20:00- Drinks and Welcome Dinner (Restaurant - Hotel Perla del Porto)

Monday 16th June

9:00-9:10 - Welcome

9:10-10:10 - Keynote 1

10:10-10:30 - Coffee Break

10:30-12:10 - Contributed Sessions A

12:10-13:25 - Poster Session A

13:25-14:25 - Lunch

14:25-16:05 - Contributed Sessions B

16:05-16:20 McEmpirics Presentation

16:20 - Coffee Break

17:00 - Tour (Fortezza di Le Castella)

20:00 Gala Dinner (Ristorante Salotto Aragonese)

Tuesday 17th June

9:15-10:30 - Contributed Sessions C

10:30-11:00 - Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 - Keynote 2

12:00-13:15 - Contributed Sessions D

13:15-14:15 - Lunch

14:15-15:35 - Poster Session B

15:40-16:40 - Keynote 3

16:40-17:00 - Coffee Break

17:00-17:50 - Contributed Sessions E

20:30 - Informal Dinner - Catanzaro Lido (Ristorante Pizzeria Al Porto)

All contributed sessions - 25 minutes per paper - 20 minutes presentation with 5 minutes for discussion

Monday 16th June

Welcome: 9:00-9:10 Room A

Keynote 1: 9:10:10:10 Room A

Sarah Cohodes (University of Michigan)

Different Paths to College Success: The Impact of Massachusetts' Charter Schools on College Trajectories

Coffee Break: 10:10-10:30

Contributed Sessions A: 10:30-12:10

A1: Returns to Education (Room: A) — Chair: Shihang Hou

- **Oliver Cassagneau-Francis** (UCL)
Estimating heterogeneous returns to college by cognitive and non-cognitive ability
- **Ziyue Zhu** (ROA, Maastricht University)
Skill Matters: Curriculum updates and Labor Market Outcomes
- **Shihang Hou** (Institute for Employment Research)
Individual and Aggregate Mismatch in Higher Education

A2: Choice (Room: B) — Chair: Judith Delaney

- **Shwetha Raghuraman** (Aarhus University)
Family Preferences and Horizontal Differentiation in Urban School Choice Markets
- **Justus Bamert** (ETH Zurich)
Does Exposure to Female STEM Professionals Reduce the Gender Gap in STEM Participation?
- **Tina Rozsos** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
Switch happens: were school switchers initially assigned to the wrong schools?
- **Judith Delaney** (University of Bath)
Levelling the Playing Field? SES Differences in Graduate Degree Choices

Poster Session A: 12:10-13:25

- **Erika Povea** (NHH)
The Infiltration of Organized Crime: Effects on Educational Outcomes
- **Matteo Caruso** (University of Turin)
Education, Generations, and Gender Attitudes: educational attainment and sexist beliefs across cohorts
- **Barbara Pertold-Gebicka** (Charles University)
Measuring Horizontal Mismatch and its Consequences: Application of Expert- and Data-driven Methods to new Czech Data
- **Zitong Wang** (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)
Returns to Women's Education Within Marriage: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design Study in China

- **Stanislav Avdeev** (University of Amsterdam)
University as a Melting Pot: Long-term Effects of International Peers
- **Britta Hecker** (Institute for Employment Research (IAB))
The effect of computer science at higher education institutions on local labour markets
- **Gill Wyness** (UCL)
Teacher leniency and the impact of higher education mismatch on earnings
- **Margeret Leighton** (University of St. Andrews)
The Impact of Feedback Framing on Subsequent Effort and Performance
- **Nikki Shure** (UCL)
The "first in family" pay penalty: the role of selection to firms and occupations

Lunch 13:25-14:25

Contributed Sessions B: 14:25-16:05

B1: Early Childhood (Room: A) — Chair: Valentina Sontheim

- **Carmen Quezada** (University of Toronto)
Assessing the Family-Wide Impact of Delayed Primary School Enrollment: The Effects of an Additional Year Without Childcare
- **Marianna Battaglia** (University of Alicante)
From Nursery to Classroom: The Lasting Impact of Public Early Childcare
- **Vibeke Myrup Jensen** (VIVE - The Danish Centre for Social Science Research)
Helping the Many by Tutoring the Few: Evidence from a Large-Scale Randomized Field Experiment
- **Valentina Sontheim** (University of Lucerne)
Being Young at School Start, Relative School Starting Age, and Education Inequality

B2: Higher Education I (Room: B) — Chair: Elena Castellaro

- **Mengwei Lin** (University of Barcelona)
Penalizing Failures at University
- **German Pulido** (UCL)
Assessing the Efficacy of Debt Forgiveness Incentives in Promoting Higher Education Outcomes: Evidence from Colombia's National Student Loan Company
- **Edoardo Frattola** (Bank of Italy)
Excellence Funds, Excellent Outcomes? Lessons from Italian University Departments
- **Elena Castellaro** (University of Amsterdam)
The Causal Effect of Higher Education on Health

McEmpirics - Thomas Siedler (Room: A): 16:05-16:20

Coffee Break 16:20-16:50

Tour (Fortezza di Le Castella) and Gala Dinner (Ristorante Salotto Aragonese) - 17:00-24:00

Tuesday 17th June

Contributed Sessions C: 9:15-10:30

C1: Gender and Parents (Room: B) — Chair: Mikkel Houmark

- **Maria Laura Di Tommaso** (University of Turin)
It starts early! Male-dominated classes and girl's bullying.
- **Daphne Rutnam** (University of Zurich)
Parents' Perceptions of Occupational Fit
- **Mikkel Houmark** (Aarhus University)
Gender Differences in the Genetics of Skill Formation

C2: Higher Education II (Room: B) — Chair: Giulia Savio

- **Samuel Nocito** (Sapienza University of Rome)
Do reforms aimed at reducing time to graduation work? Evidence from the Italian higher education system
- **Pedro Luis Silva** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) and CIPES)
Income-Based Affirmative Action, Take-up Rate, and University Enrolment
- **Giulia Savio** (University of Turin)
Gender Composition and University Climate

Coffee Break 10:30-11:00

Keynote 2: 11:00-12:00 Room A

Matthew Wiswall (Johns Hopkins University)
The Case for Childcare Subsidies

Contributed Sessions D: 12:00-13:15

D1: Educational Inequalities and Diversity (Room: A) — Chair: Matthew Collins

- **Giuseppe Sorrenti** (University of Lausanne)
Intra-household Insurance and the Intergenerational Transmission of Income Risk
- **Zachary Bleemer** (Princeton University)
Affirmative Action and Racial Integration
- **Matthew Collins** (University of Galway)
Exposure to Inequality, Human Capital Investment, and Labor Market Outcomes

D2: Schools (Room: B) — Chair: Thomas Siedler

- **Deborah Cobb-Clark** (University of Sydney)
Do Teachers Respond To Standardised Exam Results?
- **Marco Alberto De Benedetto** (University of Calabria)
Bridging the Gap: The Effect of National Operational Program (PON) on School Performance
- **Thomas Siedler** (University of Potsdam)
A Library in the Palm of your Hand? A Randomized Reading Intervention with Low-Income Children

13:15-14:15 Lunch

14:15-15:35 Poster Session B

- **Yusuf Agus** (European University Institute)
Peer Ability and Dynamics of Classrooms
- **Yuki Onozuka** (Otaru University of Commerce)
Student Quality and Diversity: The Impact of Multiple Admission Methods with Different Evaluation Criteria and Timings
- **Silvia Granato** (European Commission Joint Research Centre)
The effect of grading leniency on future academic outcomes: a machine learning approach.
- **Kars van Oosterhout** (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)
The expansion of higher education in a "new town": consequences for study choices and moving behaviour
- **Matt Dickson** (University of Bath)
The effect of education participation on youth custody: causal evidence from England
- **Hanna Brosch** (Technical University of Munich)
Worker Beliefs about Firm Training
- **Frauke Witthoeft** (ifo Institute)
Subtitling and the Acquisition of Foreign-Language Skills: A Cross-Country Between-Subject Analysis
- **Sander de Vries** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
Performance Standards in Education
- **Xinyi Chen** (University of Glasgow)
The Effects of Teachers' Attitudes towards Migrant Students on Their Academic Achievements

Keynote 3: 15:40-16:40 Room A

Björn Öckert (IFAU)

Parental and School Responses to Student Performance: Evidence from School Entry Rules

16:40 - 17:00 Coffee Break

Contributed Sessions E: 17:00-17:50

C1: Funding and Benefits (Room: A) — Chair: Mette Lunde Christensen

- **Xhiselda Demaj** (University of Bologna)
Expanding Benefits: The Impact of a Universal Free School Meal Policy on Non-Cognitive Skills
- **Mette Lunde Christensen** (VIVE – The Danish Center for Social Science Research)
Effects of Higher Staff-Child Ratios in Danish Kindergartens

E2: Refugees / Labour Market Inequality (Room: B) — Chair: Simon ter Meulen

- **Lindsey Macmillan** (UCL)
Knockin' on the glass door: Differential entry to graduate jobs
- **Simon ter Meulen** (CESifo)
Integrated vs. Separated Schooling for Refugee Children: Long-Term Effects on Education and Assimilation

Informal Dinner 20:30 - Ristorante Pizzeria Al Porto - Catanzaro Lido