

16th
**International Workshop on Applied
Economics of Education
(IWAEE)**

Preliminary Programme Outline

June 14th - 16th, 2026

Sunday 14th June

Location: Park Hotel Mirabeau, Montepaone, Calabria

19:30- Registration (Lobby Hotel)

20:30- Drinks and Welcome Dinner (Restaurant - Park Hotel Mirabeau)

Monday 15th June

9:00-9:10 - Welcome

9:10-10:10 - Keynote 1

10:10-10:30 - Coffee Break

10:30-11:45 - Contributed Sessions A

11:45-13:05 - Poster Session A

13:05-14:05 - Lunch

14:05-15:20 - Contributed Sessions B

15:20-16:20 - Keynote 2

16:20-16:45 - Coffee Break

17:00-20:00 Tour (Grange of Sant'Anna in Montauro)

21:15 -00:30 Gala Dinner (Baia dell'Est)

Tuesday 16th June

9:30-10:45 - Contributed Sessions C

10:45-11:05 - Coffee Break

11:05-12:05 - Keynote 3

12:05-13:25 - Poster Session B

13:25-14:25 - Lunch

14:25-15:40 - Contributed Sessions D

15:40-17:20 - Contributed Sessions E

17:20- Coffee Break and Farewell

20:30 -23:00 Informal Dinner - Ristorante del Lido Medea, Montepaone Lido

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

Hannah Schildberg-Hörisch (Duesseldorf Institute for Competition
Economics)

*The Effects of a Large-Scale Social and Emotional Learning Program on Students'
Socio-Emotional Skills and Educational Attainment*

Coffee Break: 10:10-10:30

Contributed Sessions A: 10:30-11:45

A1: Teachers (Room: A) — Chair: Miriam Gensowski

- **Sebastian Reinartz** (Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH))
Are Teachers Getting Smarter? International Evidence on Changes in Teacher Cognitive Skills and Student Achievement
- **Ana Brás-Monteiro** (University of Zurich)
Teacher Effects on Student Well-Being and Mental Health
- **Miriam Gensowski** (Rockwool Foundation)
Multi-Dimensional Teacher Value-Added: Characterizing "The Good Teacher"

A2: Schooling (Room: B) — Chair: Maria Laura Di Tomasso

- **Tina Rozsos** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
The Timing of Academic Specialization: Impacts on Student Outcomes
- **Lei Shi** (Maastricht University)
The Impact of Digital Portable Devices on Student Achievement: Evidence from Staggered Adoption in Dutch Primary Education?
- **Maria Laura Di Tomasso** (University of Turin)
Can Teachers Training in Active Learning Reduce the Math Gender Gap? Evidence from a RCT in Italy

Poster Session A: 11:45-13:05

- **Maddalena Davoli** (University of Zurich)
Financial Literacy Across Vocational Occupations: Evidence on Analytical and Applied Learning Contexts
- **Rachel Ambler** (University of Bath)
The Impact of Parental Investments on Early Child Development: Evidence from the 'Children of the 90's'
- **Friederike Hertweck** (RWI - Leibniz Institute for Economic Research)
Patterns in University Applications: Socioeconomic Status, Gender, and Subject vs. Institution Preferences

- **Joseph Richardson** (Lancaster University)
Higher Education Peers and Labour Market Outcomes
- **Jacob Kirksey** (Texas Tech University)
A Return to the Classroom: Investigating the Retention of Returning Teachers in Texas
- **Valentina Sontheim** (University of St.Gallen)
Redshirting: Who wins, who loses?
- **Jon Marius Vaag Iversen** (NTNU)
The Effects of Exams on Students' Choices: Evidence from Norway
- **Hanna Brosch** (Technical University of Munich)
New Technologies and Productivity: A Study with Vocational Students
- **Lara Klein** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
A Quantitative Model for Evaluating Changes in the Duration of Secondary School with an Application to the G8 Reform in Germany

Lunch 13:05-14:05

Contributed Sessions B: 14:05-15:20

B1: Early Childhood / Primary Schooling (Room: A) — Chair: Caroline Hall

- **Roberto Gillmore** (Central Bank of Chile)
Nutritious School Meals and Educational Outcomes
- **Trude Gunnes** (Statistics Norway)
From Kindergarten to Classroom: The Impact of Childcare Subsidies for Low-Income Families on Educational Outcomes
- **Caroline Hall** (Institute for Evaluation of Labor Market and Education Policy)
Increased flexibility in childcare arrangements: impacts on parents' careers, children's school performance, and family well-being

B2: Funding / University Systems (Room: A) — Chair: Angelo Gabrielle Santos

- **Natalia Valdes Aspillaga** (University College London)
Evaluating the design of income-contingent contribution schemes for financing higher education in Chile
- **Marco Morelli** (University of Luxembourg)
Backward Spillovers and Equalized Access: The Bologna Process across Italy's Education System
- **Angelo Gabrielle Santos** (George Mason University)
Cost-effectiveness of Education Public-Private Partnerships: A Meta-analysis of Global Evidence

Keynote 2: 15:20-16:20 Room A

Mari Rege (University of Stavanger)

The Effects of Structured Play-Based Pedagogy on Long-Term Academic Outcomes: Evidence From Two Randomized Trials in Norway's Universal Preschool

Coffee Break 16:20-16:45

Tour to Grange of Sant'Anna in Montauro - 17:00-20:30

Gala Dinner (Baia dell'Est) - 21:00-00:30

Tuesday 17th June

Contributed Sessions C: 9:30-10:45

C1: Higher Education Choice and Participation (Room: A) — Chair: Amy Huang

- **Sara Rabino** (University of Zurich)
Making a Difference? The Role of Social Impact in College Major Choice
- **Massimiliano Bratti** (Università degli Studi di Milano)
The Effect of Opening a New High-Speed Railway Station on University Enrollment Flows
- **Amy Huang** (University of Toronto)
The Impact of Merit-Based Scholarships on Post-Secondary Outcomes: Evidence from Ontario

C2: Peers/Rank (Room: B) — Chair: Veruska Oppedisano

- **Jesus Gutierrez Andrade** (Lancaster University)
Who Stays the Course? Early Classroom Rank and Educational Trajectories
- **Hammad Shaikh** (University of Stavanger)
Foreign Peers in Higher Education: The Effects of Internationalization on Native Students' Academic Outcomes
- **Veruska Oppedisano** (University of Westminster)
The timing of school exclusions and its consequences for peers' outcomes

Coffee Break 10:45-11:05

Keynote 3: 11:05-12:05 Room A

Esteban Aucejo (Arizona State University)

The Role of Information Frictions in Study Habit Choice and Academic Performance

12:05-13:25 Poster Session B

- **Enric Vila-Villasante** (Utrecht University)
Social Preferences as Human Capital: Intergenerational Transmission in an Ethnically Diverse Context
- **Costanza Marconi** (University of Bergamo)
When Research Meets Teaching: Evidence from Student-Level Data
- **Lindsey Macmillan** (UCL)
Ethnic and Regional Differences in Graduate Access to High Pay Careers
- **Tommaso Sartori** (Monash University)
Conduct and Consequences: Behavioral Rank and Academic Outcomes
- **Elisa Baldazzi** (University of Bologna)
The Impact of Scouting on School Absences: Evidence from England
- **Andy Dickerson** (University of Sheffield)
The Long Shadow of Persistent Childhood Economic Disadvantage
- **Andreas Fridolin Bühler** (University of Zurich)
Natural Disasters and the Green Occupational Aspirations of Adolescents

- **Hannelore Nelissen** (KU Leuven)
Does Timing Matter? Parental Separation Around Educational Transitions
- **Andrea Bocchino** (NHH)
Technology Biased Educational Change: Broadband Internet and Educational Choices

13:25-14:25 Lunch

Contributed Sessions D: 14:25-15:40

D1: Gender and Higher Education (Room: A) — Chair: Ainoa Aparicio Fenoll

- **Ingo Isphording** (Max Planck Institute for Behavioral Economics)
Sexual Harassment in Tertiary Education
- **Saloni Chopra** (University of St Andrews)
Is Affirmative Action the Answer? Shrinking the STEM Gender Gap in Higher Education
- **Ainoa Aparicio Fenoll** (University of Turin and Collegio Carlo Alberto)
Female Peer Effects on the Glass Ceiling in Academia

D2: Training / Labour Markets (Room: B) — Chair: Marc Bachmeier

- **Mantej Pardesi** (Maastricht University)
Career Consequences of training in frontier firms
- **Henrika Langen** (Bundesinstitut für Berufsbildung (BIBB))
Employment Effects of a Statutory Minimum Wage: Evidence from a National Reform of the German Apprenticeship Market
- **Marc Bachmeier** (Freie Universität Berlin)
The Effect of Compressing Schooling on Labor Market Outcomes

Contributed Sessions E: 15:40-17:20

E1: Educational Inequalities (Room: B) — Chair: Sebastian Riedmiller

- **Marisa Hidalgo** (Universidad Pablo de Olavide)
Educational Inequality: The Impact of Competition on Access to Selective University Studies in Spain
- **Johanna Sophie Quis** (Leibniz University Hannover)
The Long-term Effect of Classroom Quality Differences in German Primary Schools
- **Marco Ovidi** (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore)
Crime Victims' Children
- **Sebastian Riedmiller** (Max Planck Institute for Behavioral Economics)
Reducing Inequality by Correcting Misperceptions: Experimental Evidence on Student Aid Take-Up

E2: Refugees / Choice (Room: B) — Chair: Vivien Liu

- **Malin Tallås Ahlén** (Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy)
Supporting integration in schools: Evidence from a randomized targeted intervention
- **Margaret Leighton** (University of St Andrews)
The Gender Gap in STEM Majors: The (Un)-Importance of Life Goals

- **Alberto Antonello** (University of Amsterdam)
Students' (Lack of) Strategic Behavior in the Amsterdam Secondary School Match
- **Vivien Liu** (PSE)
How Do Middle Schools Shape High School Track Choice?

17:20 - Coffee Break and Farewell

Informal Dinner 20:00 - 23:00 - Ristorante del Lido Medea, Montepaone Lido