CESifo/PEPG Conference on
Schooling and Human Capital Formation in the Global Economy:
Revisiting the Equity-Efficiency Quandary

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03-04 September 2004

DRAFT PROGRAM

Thursday, 02 September 2004

19:00 Informal Reception at the CESifo Conference Center (Ifo Institute)

Friday, 03 September 2004

09:00 - 09:10 Welcome & Introduction

Session I – Individual and Aggregate Returns to Human Capital
Chair: Paul E. Peterson (Harvard University)

09:10 - 09:55 Many Types of Human Capital and Many Roles in U.S. Growth: Evidence from County-Level Educational Attainment Data
ANDREW T. YOUNG (University of Mississippi), Daniel Levy (Bar-Ilan University), Matthew J. Higgins (Georgia State University)
Discussant: Christopher R. Berry (University of Chicago)

09:55 - 10:40 Life Cycle Earnings and Wage Premiums
SOFIA SANDGREN (Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm)
Discussant: Pedro S. Martins (Universities of St Andrews & Warwick)

10:40 - 11:00 Coffee Break
Session II – Equality of Opportunity
Chair: Peter Dolton (University of Newcastle & London School of Economics)

11:00 - 11:45 Unequal Opportunities and Human Capital Formation
DANIEL MEJÍA (Brown University and Banco de la República, Colombia), Marc St-Pierre (Brown University)
Discussant: Robert J. Gary-Bobo (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

11:45 - 12:30 How Equal Are Educational Opportunities? Family Background and Student Achievement in Europe and the United States
LUDGER WOESSMANN (Ifo Institute and CESifo, Munich)
Discussant: Ferran Mane (Universitat Rovira I Virgili, Reus)

12:30 - 13:15 Equalizing Opportunity Through Educational Finance Reform
JULIAN R. BETTS (University of California at San Diego), John E. Roemer (Yale University)
Discussant: William A. Fischel (Dartmouth College)

13:15 - 14:00 Lunch

Session III – Intergenerational Mobility
Chair: George Psacharopoulos (Athens)

14:00 - 14:45 Intergenerational Mobility in Europe: Evidence from ECHP
SIMONA COMI (Università degli Studi di Milano)
Discussant: Rudolf Winter-Ebmer (Linz University)

14:45 - 15:30 Education Systems and Intergenerational Mobility
STEPHEN J. MACHIN (University College London & London School of Economics)
Discussant: Roland G. Fryer, Jr. (Harvard University)

15:30 - 15:50 Coffee Break

Session IV – Peer Effects and the Equity-Efficiency Tradeoff
Chair: Julian R. Betts (University of California at San Diego)

15:50 - 16:35 Distributional Outcomes of the Organization of U.S. Schools: Peers, School Quality, and Achievement
ERIC A. HANUSHEK (Hoover Institution, Stanford University)
Discussant: Peter Dolton (University of Newcastle & London School of Economics)
16:35 - 17:20  Peer Effects in North Carolina Public Schools  
Thomas J. Nechyba, JACOB VIGDOR (Duke University)  
Discussant: Torberg Falch (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim)

19:00  Dinner

Saturday, 04 September 2004

Session V - Tracking  
Chair: Ludger Wößmann (Ifo Institute, Munich)

09:00 - 09:45  The Heterogeneous Effect of Selection in Secondary Schools:  
Understanding the Changing Role of Ability  
FERNANDO GALINDO-RUEDA (London School of Economics), Anna Vignoles (University of London)  
Discussant: Vincent Vandenberghe (Université Catholique de Louvain)

09:45 - 10:30  The Optimal Timing of School Tracking  
GIORGIO BRUNELLO (University of Padova), Massimo Giannini (University of Molise), Kenn Ariga (Columbia University)  
Discussant: Richard E. Romano (University of Florida)

10:30 - 10:50 Coffee Break

Session VI – Equality-Focused Interventions  
Chair: Eric A. Hanushek (Hoover Institution, Stanford University)

10:50 - 11:35  The Effectiveness of Human Capital Policies for Disadvantaged Groups in the Netherlands  
HESSEL OOSTERBEEK (Universiteit van Amsterdam)  
Discussant: Martin R. West (Harvard University)

11:35 - 12:20  Student Achievement and Birthday Effects  
BJARNE STRØM (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim)  
Discussant: Lex Borghans (Maastricht University)

12:20 - 13:05 Lunch
Session VII - Choice
Chair: Stephen J. Machin (University College London & London School of Economics)

13:05 - 13:50  The Impact of Choice on Educational Outcomes
SIMON BURGESS, Brendon McConnell, Carol Propper, Deborah Wilson (University of Bristol)
Discussant: William G. Howell (Harvard University)

13:50 - 14:35  School Choice and Quality
Daniele CHECCHI (University of Milano), Tullio Jappelli (University of Salerno)
Discussant: Randall K. Filer (Hunter College of the City University of New York)

14:35 - 14:55  Coffee Break

Session VIII - Accountability
Chair: Hessel Oosterbeek (Universiteit van Amsterdam)

14:55 - 15:40  Retrospective Voting in Single Function Elections: School Boards and Student Achievement
CHRISTOPHER R. BERRY (University of Chicago) and William G. Howell (Harvard University)
Discussant: Margaret E. Raymond (Hoover Institution, Stanford University)

15:40 - 16:25  Educational Reform and Disadvantaged Students: Are They Better Off or Worse Off?
JOHN H. BISHOP (Cornell University), Ferran Mane (Universitat Rovira I Virgili, Reus)
Discussant: George Psacharopoulos (Athens)

19:00  Conference Dinner at the Seehaus im Englischen Garten