Thursday, 15 May 2008

7:00 Informal Reception at the CESifo Conference Center (Ifo Institute)

Friday, 16 May 2008

09:00 - 09:10 Welcome & Introduction

Session I – Teacher and Student Incentives
Chair: Ludger Wößmann (University of Munich and Ifo Institute)

09:10 - 09:55 Gender Differences in Market Competitiveness in a Real Workplace: Evidence from Performance-based Pay Tournaments among Teachers
VICTOR LAVY (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)
Discussant: Karthik Muralidharan (Harvard Graduate School of Education)

09:55 - 10:40 Paying to Learn: The Effect of Financial Incentives on Elementary School Test Scores
ERIC BETTINGER (Case Western Reserve University)
Discussant: Hans Bonesrønning (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim)

10:40 - 11:00 Coffee Break
Session II – Private School Operation
Chair: Caroline M. Hoxby (Stanford University)

11:00 - 11:45 The Impact of School Choice on Educational Performance, Segregation and Costs: Swedish Evidence
ANDERS BÖHLMARK (Stockholm University), Mikael Lindahl (Uppsala University)
Discussant: Eric A. Hanushek (Hoover Institution, Stanford University)

11:45 - 12:30 “Every Catholic Child in a Catholic School”: Historical Resistance to State Schooling, Contemporary Private Competition, and Student Achievement across Countries
Martin R. West (Brown University), LUDGER WOESSMANN (University of Munich, Ifo Institute of Economic Research and CESifo)
Discussant: Mikael Lindahl (Uppsala University)

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch

Session III – Incentives at Work
Chair: Eric A. Hanushek (Hoover Institution, Stanford University)

1:30 - 2:15 You get what you pay for: Incentives and Selection in the Education System
ARMIN FALK (University of Bonn), Thomas Dohmen (ROA, Maastricht University, IZA, DIW)
Discussant: Richard E. Romano (University of Florida)

2:15 - 3:00 The Role of Information in the Take-up of Student Loans
Adam Booij (University of Amsterdam), Edwin Leuven (University of Amsterdam), HESSEL OOSTERBEEK (University of Amsterdam)
Discussant: Michael Podgursky (University of Missouri-Columbia)

3:00 - 3:20 Coffee Break

3:20 - 4:05 Are Educational Vouchers Only Redistributive?
Eric Bettinger (Case Western Reserve University), MICHAEL KREMER (Harvard University), Juan Saavedra (Harvard University)
Discussant: John H. Bishop (Cornell University)

7:00 Dinner
Saturday, 17 May 2008

**Session IV - Incentives in Charter Schools**
Chair: Paul E. Peterson (Harvard University)

09:00 - 09:45  **Incentives in Charter Schools**
CAROLINE M. HOXBY (Stanford University)
Discussant: Stephen J. Machin (University College London)

09:45 - 10:30  **Paying for A's: An Early Exploration of Student Reward and Incentive Programs in Charter Schools**
MARGARET RAYMOND (CREDO, Stanford University)
Discussant: Jay P. Greene (University of Arkansas)

10:30 - 10:50 Coffee Break

**Session V – School Management**
Chair: Michael Kremer (Harvard University)

10:50 - 11:35  **Impact of For-Profit and Non-Profit Management on Student Achievement: The Philadelphia Experiment**
PAUL E. PETERSON (Harvard University), Matthew M. Chingos (Harvard University)
Discussant: Jim Taylor (Lancaster University)

11:35 - 12:20  **Educational Achievement and Ethnicity in Compulsory Schooling**
Christian Dustmann (University College London), Stephen Machin (University College London), UTA SCHOENBERG (University of Rochester)
Discussant: Martin R. West (Brown University)

12:20 - 1:20 Lunch

**Session VI - Teacher Performance Pay**
Chair: Stephen J. Machin (University College London)

1:20 - 2:05  **Teacher Unions, Teacher Pay and Student Performance in India: A Pupil Fixed Effects Approach**
GEETA G. KINGDON (Oxford University), Francis Teal (Oxford University)
Discussant: Matthew M. Chingos (Harvard University)
2:05 - 2:50  Impact of the Teacher Advancement Program on Student Test Score Gains: Findings from an Independent Appraisal
MATTHEW SPRINGER (Vanderbilt University), Dale Ballou (Vanderbilt University), Art (Xiao) Peng (Vanderbilt University)
Discussant: Torberg Falch (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim)

2:50 - 3:10  Coffee Break

3:10 - 3:55  The Impact of Performance Pay for Public School Teachers: Theory and Evidence
MARCUS A. WINTERS (University of Arkansas), Gary W. Ritter, Ryan H. Marsh, Jay P. Greene (University of Arkansas), Marc J. Holley
Discussant: Kerstin Schneider (University of Wuppertal)

3:55 - 4:40  Teacher Performance Pay: Experimental Evidence from India
KARTHIK MURALIDHARAN (Harvard University Graduate School of Education), Venkatesh Sundararaman (World Bank)
Paul E. Peterson (Harvard University)

7:00  Conference Dinner at the Seehaus im Englischen Garten