
15th Belgian Day for Labour Economists

June 7th, 2018

Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

Department of Applied Economics at ULB (DULBEA)

ULB Charleroi Ville-Haute Campus, 31 Boulevard Solvay, Charleroi
(Enter Campus via rue Lebeau)

Program

09h00-09h15: Registration (Hall d'honneur)

09h15-11h00: Parallel session I

Labor Market Outcomes and Education at Large (Room NA6)

Deni Mazrekaj (KULeuven), School and Labour Market Outcomes among Students of Same-Sex Households (with K. De Witte & S. Cabus)

Brecht Neyt (KULeuven), The Impact of Education Level on Online Dating Success: a Field Experiment on Tinder (with S. Vandenbulcke & S. Baert)

Fritz Schiltz (KULeuven), The Added Value of more Accurate Predictions for School Rankings (with P. Sestito, T. Agasisti & K. De Witte)

Kenneth De Beckker (KULeuven), Identifying Vulnerable Groups - An Application to Financial Literacy (with K. De Witte & G. Van Campenhout)

Active Employment Policies and Labor Market Mismatches (Room NA3)

Dinara Alpysbayeva (KULeuven), Estimating Allocative (In)Efficiency in Belgian Labor Market: Policy Change to Adjustment Costs (with S. Vanormelingen)

Eva Van Belle (UGent), The Signal of Applying for a Job Under a Vacancy Referral Scheme (with R. Caers, M. De Couck, V. Di Stasio & S. Baert)

Sam Desiere (KULeuven), At Work at all Costs? The Employment Effects of the Belgian Service Voucher Scheme (with T. Goesaert)

Octave De Brouwer (ULB), The Effect of Job-search Monitoring schemes on entry flows into the incapacity insurance (with E. Leduc & I. Tojerow)

11h00-11h15: Coffee Break (Hall d'honneur)

11h15-13h00: Parallel session II

Higher education, Gender and Earnings (Room NA6)

Céline Detilleux (KULeuven), Monopsony and the Gender Pay Gap: to what Extent do Employers Exploit their Power in the Labour Market? (with N. Deschacht)

Simon Amez (UGent), Smartphone Use and Academic Performance: Correlation or Causal Relationship? (with S. Baert, S. Vujić, M. Claeskens, T. Daman, A. Maeckelberghe, E. Omeij, & L. De Marez)

Koen Declercq (KULeuven), Gender Differences in Applying for STEM Programs in Higher Education: Evidence

Employment Perspectives for Young and Older Workers (Room NA3)

Hannah Van Borm (UGent), What Drives Hiring Discrimination Against Older Workers? (with I. Burn & Stijn Baert)

Elise Boucq (BFPlan), Non-take-up of employers' social security contributions cuts: the case of the "first recruitments" measure (with M. López Novella)

Antoine Dewatripont (BFPlan), Did the reinforcement of the Youth Guarantee Program Help Young Unemployed in

from a Policy Shift in Hungary (with J. Ghysels & J. Varga) Brussels to Find a Job? (with M. López Novella)

Andreu Arenas (UCLouvain), The Design of University Entrance Exams and its Implications for Gender Gaps (with C Calsamiglia)

Maritza Lopez Novella (BFPlan), Removing Youth Sub-minimum Wage Rates in Belgium: Did it Affect Youth Employment?

13h00-14h00: Lunch (Hall d'honneur)

14h00-15h15: Keynote (Room NA3)

Arindrajit Dube (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

The Effect of Minimum Wages on Low-Wage Jobs:
Evidence from the United States Using a Bunching Estimator

15h15-15h30: Coffee Break (Hall d'honneur)

15h30-17h00: Parallel session III

**Vocational Education
(Room NA6)**

Didier Fourage (Maastricht U.), The Role of Unanticipated Labour Market Conditions in Graduates' Regret of Study Choice (with Melline Somers)

Ilse Tobback (KULeuven), Student Access to Apprenticeships: Student Characteristics and Underlying Mechanisms Evidence from a Vignette Study (with Dieter Verhaest & Stijn Baert)

Melline Somers (Maastricht U.), Why Do Students Enroll in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)? Evidence from a Large-Scale Targeted Intervention in the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area (with S. Cabus)

**Labor Market in Development and
Transition Economies (Room NA3)**

Juliana Mesén Vargas (UCLouvain), Income Effect on Labor Outcomes of People Living in Poverty: the case of PROGRESA

Aigerim Yergabulova (KULeuven), Gross Job Flows in a Transition Economy: an Analysis of Kazakhstan

Zainab Iftikhar (UCLouvain), Brain drain, informality and inequality: a search-and-matching model for sub-Saharan Africa (with F. Docquier)

Organising committee:

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Registration is compulsory and not later than **May 24th** at the following link: [\[here\]](#)

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Directions can be found [\[here\]](#)