

**VI WORKSHOP ON ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION:  
Competences' acquisition, skills & the labour market**

Barcelona, September 9-10, 2015

**PROGRAM:**

**September 9, 2015 –LOCATION: Faculty of Economics & Business. University of Barcelona**

**The event will take place at Room A - Avinguda Diagonal 696 BUILDING**

09:30 - 09:45	<p>Opening address  <b>Elisenda Paluzie</b> (Dean, Faculty of Economics &amp; Business - UB)  <b>Martí Parellada</b> (Director, IEB)  <b>Jorge Calero</b> (Universitat de Barcelona and IEB)</p>
09:45 - 11:15	<p><b>Conference: Dr. Rolf Van der Velden (Research Centre for Education and the Labour Market - Maastricht University) and discussion</b>  <i>Skills, Skill Use and Earnings: A New Perspective</i></p>
11:15 - 11:45	<p>Coffee break</p>
11:45 - 13:30	<p><b>Chair: J. Oriol Escardíbul</b> (Universitat de Barcelona &amp; IEB)</p> <p><i>Occupational Mismatch of Immigrants in Europe: The Role of Education and Cognitive Skills.</i> <b>Merve Cim</b> (Ruhr Graduate School in Economics), Michael Kind (Rheinisch-Westfaelisches Institut fuer Wirtschaftsforschung) and Jan Kleibrink (CINCH-Health Economics Research Center)  <b>Discussant: Anne Hilger</b></p> <p><i>Cognitive and Non-cognitive skills, Social Networks, and Wages in Bangladesh.</i> <b>Anne Hilger</b> (Paris School of Economics and DIAL), Christophe J. Nordman (IRD, DIAL and IZA) and Leopold R. Sarr (The World Bank)  <b>Discussant: Alexandra Heimisch</b></p> <p><i>Returns to ICT Skills.</i> <b>Alexandra Heimisch</b> (ifo Institute at the University of Munich), Oliver Falk (University of Munich, ifo Institute and CESifo) and Simon Wiederhold (ifo Institute at the University of Munich).  <b>Discussant: Merve Cim</b></p>
13:30 - 14:30	<p>WORKING Lunch</p>
14:30 - 16:50	<p><b>Chair: Jorge Calero</b> (Universitat de Barcelona &amp; IEB)</p> <p><i>A Test of the 'Loose It or Use It' Hypothesis in Labor Markets Around the World.</i> <b>Karsten Albæk</b> (SFI-The Danish National Centre for Social Research)  <b>Discussant: Lars J. Kirkebøen</b></p> <p><i>The Effects of Targeted Learning Support: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design.</i> <b>Lars J. Kirkebøen</b> (Research Department, Statistics Norway) and Gaute Eielson (Research Department, Statistics Norway)  <b>Discussant: Lucía Mateos-Romero</b></p> <p><i>Skills Heterogeneity Among Graduate Workers: Real and Apparent Overeducation in the Spanish Labor Market.</i> <b>Lucía Mateos-Romero</b> (University of Extremadura) and María del Mar Salinas-Jiménez (University of Extremadura)  <b>Discussant: Lorenzo Cappellari</b></p> <p><i>Skilled or Educated? Educational Reforms, Human Capital and Earnings.</i> <b>Lorenzo Cappellari</b> (Catholic University of Milan and IZA), Paolo Castelnovo (University of Milan), Daniele Checchi (University of Milan and IZA) and Marco Leonardi (University of Milan and IZA)  <b>Discussant: Karsten Albæk</b></p>
20:30	<p><b>Dinner – Santa Anna's Restaurant (see map)</b></p>

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09:30 - 11:00	<b>Conference: Dr. Guido Schwerdt (University of Konstanz, Germany) and discussion</b> <i>Returns to Skills Around the World: Evidence from PIAAC</i>
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 13:15	<b>Chair: J. Oriol Escardíbul</b> (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB) <i>Adult Skills and Labor Market Conditions During Teenage Years: Cross-Country Evidence from ALL and PIAAC.</i> <b>Marianne Haraldsvik</b> (Norwegian University of Science and Technology) and Bjarne Strøm (Norwegian University of Science and Technology) <b>Discussant: Zoe Kuehn</b>  <i>How Students Incorporate Sector-Specific Economic Conditions into Educational Choices.</i> <b>Zoe Kuehn</b> (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid) and Jennifer Graves (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid) <b>Discussant: Karl Fritjof Krassel</b>  Childhood and Early Labor Market Life-Cognitive and Non-cognitive Skills and Their Return to Labor Market Outcomes. <b>Karl Fritjof Krassel</b> (KORA, Danish Institute for Local and Regional Government Research) and Kenneth Lykke Sørensen (Aarhus University) <b>Discussant: Marianne Haraldsvik</b>
13:15 - 13:30	<b>Closing address</b>
13:30	<b>Farewell drink</b>