

## WORKSHOP ON ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION: Determinants of educational attainment and competences' acquisition

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Educational attainment and competences' acquisition are the most relevant output in the educational production function. The study of these outputs has spread in recent years, especially since the existence of data from international assessments, such as The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) or The Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS). Different studies have shown the relevance of family and school variables on students' educational attainment and competences' acquisition. Moreover, these data have allowed to consider several types of analyses of the indicated output, such as the organization of the educational system, differences between native and immigrant students, the factors that contribute to a successful performance (or a very low one), differences between and within schools in students' results, similarities and disparities between countries, the relationship between efficiency and equity in education, peer-effects, etc.

The aim of this workshop is to bring together original research papers that cast some light on these issues, especially those which use PISA data. Although the Workshop focuses on empirical papers, theoretical studies are also welcome. The accepted papers (around 8) will be presented in plenary sessions that will complement the two keynote speakers' presentations.

### Keynote speakers

Danielle Checchi  
(University of Milan)

Michael Fertig  
(ISG Institute, Köln)

### Topics of interest

- Educational attainment
- Competences' acquisition
- Educational inequalities
- PISA data
- Immigration
- School dropout
- Educational production function
- Educational Policy

### Deadlines

- Deadline for submission of papers: May 31st, 2010
- Deadline for acceptance of papers: June 15th, 2010
- Early registration: May 1st to July 26th, 2010
- Late registration: July 27th to September 12th, 2010

### Registration and further information

The registration fee covers documentation, coffee breaks and working lunches. Participants whose papers have been accepted are exempt from this payment. Free accommodation will also be provided for them, and their travel expenses may be covered, totally or partially, subject to budget restrictions. Papers should be sent to [xreap\\_workshop@pcb.ub.es](mailto:xreap_workshop@pcb.ub.es) before May 31st, 2010. Only papers presented in PDF format will be considered. Further information on the workshop will soon be available at the workshop webpage, which can be accessed through the XREAP website (<http://www.pcb.ub.es/xreap/workshop>). Early registration is 100 Euros; late registration 150 Euros.

### Scientific Committee

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