



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

**CESifo Conference Center, Munich  
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*