

CES *ifo* Workshop

Junior Workshop on the Economics of Education

30 – 31 March 2026 | CESifo, Munich

Program

Timing

Presenters: 25 minutes

Discussant: 5 minutes

Q&A/discussion: 15 minutes

Monday, 30 March 2026

8:45 – 9:00 Welcome and Introduction

Session 1: Learning under Adversity

Chair: Ludger Woessmann

9:00 – 9:45 **Investing in Human Capital During War Time: Experimental Evidence from Ukraine**
Rony Rodríguez-Ramírez (Harvard University), Lelys Dinarte Diaz, James Gresham,
Renat Lemos, Harry Patrinos
Discussant: Theresa Hübsch

9:45 – 10:30 **Heat and Learning: Large-Scale Evidence on Heterogeneous Impacts Across Mexico**
Gabriel Cruz, (University of Maryland), Marcos Fabian
Discussant: Daniel Chiavenato

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

Session 2: Teachers

Chair: Michela Carlana

11:00 – 11:45 **Teacher Effects on Student Well-Being and Mental Health**
Ana Brás-Monteiro (University of Zürich), Marius Opstrup Morthorst
Discussant: Jerry Montonen

11:45 – 12:30 **Who Leaves and Who Stays? The Impact of the Teacher Wage Gap on Teacher Quality**
Desislava Tartova (Paris School of Economics)
Discussant: Zach Weingarten

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

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Session 3: Education and Financial Incentives

Chair: Raphael Brade

- 13:30 – 14:15 **Success Begets Success: The Dynamic Treatment Effects of Financial Aid. Tournaments**
Arkadijs Zvaigzne (Harvard University)
Discussant: Petter Berg
- 14:15 – 15:00 **Credit Scars: Credit Reporting Relief for Defaulted Student Loan Borrowers**
Diego Briones (University of Virginia)
Discussant: Sevin Kaytan

Session 4: Poster Session

15:00 – 15:10 Poster Flash Talks

- 15:10 – 16:00 **Do Test Scores Help Teachers Give Better Track Advice to Students? A Principal Stratification Analysis**
Javier Vivians (European University Institute), Andrea Ichino, Fabrizia Mealli
- The Role of Genetic Predisposition for Chronotype in Academic Performance**
Francesca Meli (University of Bristol)
- Imperfect Metacognition in Standardized Tests**
Francesco Bilotta (Bocconi University)
- Female Representation in School Boards**
Aleksa Uljarevic (University of Luxembourg)
- Cash Transfers and Parental Investments: Evidence from the Bolsa Família Program**
Daniele Chiavenato (Nova School of Business and Economics)
- Building Success: The Effect of On-Campus Housing Expansions on Student Outcomes**
Ciaran Murphy (University College Dublin)
- From Care to Classrooms: Mental Health Reform and Education**
Renan Chicarelli Marques (Duke University)
- From Detention to Prevention: Using Education to Foster Safer Neighborhoods**
Juan Pascual Torres (University of Barcelona)
- Do High-Achieving Peers Matter? Evidence from Selective and Non-Selective University Environments**
Andrea Lopes (University of Milan), Massimiliano Bratti, Enrico Lippo

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Session 5: Child Development

Chair: Maddalena Totarelli

16:00 – 16:45 **Modeling and Measuring the Genetic Determinants of Child Development**
Zach Weingarten (University of Pennsylvania), Francesco Agostinelli
Discussant: Francesco Bilotta

Session 6: Keynote Lecture

Chair: Ludger Woessmann

17:00 – 18:00 **Social Mobility and Teachers' Expectations**
Michela Carlana (Harvard Kennedy School)

19:00 Conference Dinner

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Session 7: Long-term Effects of Education

Chair: Simon ter Meulen

09:00 – 09:45 **The Long-term Effects of After-school Care**
Sevin Kaytan (Cemfi)
Discussant: Mridul Joshi

09:45 – 10:30 **Schooling for Profit: Long-run Effects of Private Providers in Public Education**
Petter Berg (Stockholm School of Economics)
Discussant: Xiaomeng Li

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

Session 8: Information, Beliefs and Educational Outcomes

Chair: Katharina Wedel

11:00 – 11:45 **Parental Preferences and Occupational Aspirations of Adolescents**
Frauke Baumeister (ifo Munich), Philipp Lergetporer, Katharina Wedel,
Katharina Werner
Discussant: Francesca Meli

11:45 – 12:30 **Mental Models of High School Success**
Theresa Hübsch (University of Bonn), Robert Mahlstedt, Pia Pinger, Sonja Settele,
Helene Willadsen
Discussant: Ana Brás-Monteiro

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

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Session 9: Social Connections and Digital Habits

Chair: Maddalena Totarelli

- 13:30 – 14:15 **Popularity and Student Networks: Trade-offs in Resolving Social Isolation through Deskmate Assignments**
Palaash Bhargava (University of Chicago)
Discussant: Desislava Tartova
- 14:15 – 15:00 **Improving Digital Habits Through Education: Experimental Evidence from India**
Mridul Joshi (Stanford University), Jalnidh Kaur, Lena Song
Discussant: Frauke Baumeister

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

Session 10: Educational Trajectories and Skill Formation

Chair: Caterina Pavese

- 15:30 – 16:15 **Learning the Major: The Role of Early Specialization in Educational and Labor Market Outcomes**
Xiaomeng Li (University of Michigan)
Discussant: Javier Vivien Martín
- 16:15 – 17:00 **Shaping Young Minds: The Effects of Teachers on Socio-Emotional Skills**
Jerry Montonen (Aalto University)
Discussant: Renan Chicarelli Marques

17:00 – 17:15 **Best Paper Award and Conclusion**

End of Conference