



## IZA/UCPH Workshop: Evaluation of Labor Market Policies: New Data and New Approaches

Copenhagen, Denmark  
September 12–13, 2019

**Organizers:** Steffen Altmann (IZA and University of Copenhagen)  
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### Program

*The workshop is a joint initiative by the Institute of Labor Economics (IZA) in Bonn/Germany and The Center of Behavioral Economics and Labor Market Performance (BELP).*

#### Thursday, September 12

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| 8:30 – 9:00   | Registration in 26.3.21   |
| 9:00 – 9:30   | Welcome by the Organizers<br><br>Welcome Address<br>Morten Fønsskov Greising (Vice Director of the Danish Agency for Labor Market and Recruitment)  |
| 9:30 – 10:00  | Richard Dorsett (University of Westminster), Lucy Stokes (National Institute of Economic and Social Research)<br>"The Impacts of Pre-apprenticeship Training for Young People"                |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Amelie Schiprowski (IZA)<br>"The Role of Caseworkers in Unemployment Insurance – Evidence from Unplanned Absences"  |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee Break  |
| 11:00 – 11:45 | Roland Rathelot (University of Warwick), Thomas Le Barbanchon (Bocconi University und IZA), Alexandra Roulet (INSEAD)<br>"Gender Differences in Job Search: Trading off Commute against Wage" |



- 11:45 – 12:30**      **Patrick Arni** (University of Bristol and IZA), **Rafael Lalive** (University of Lausanne and IZA), **Pierpaolo Parrotta** (IÉSEG School of Management and IZA)  
**"Are Weak Ties Strong? How Information on Social Search Affects Job Finding"**
- 12:30 – 13:45**      **Lunch**
- 13:45 – 14:15**      **Gesine Stephan** (Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Nuremberg and IZA)  
**"RCTs in the German Federal Employment Agency"**
- 14:15 – 14:45**      **Stefano Lombardi** (Uppsala University and IZA)  
**"Threat Effects of Monitoring and UI Benefit Sanctions: Evidence from two Reforms"**
- 14:45 – 15:15**      **Giulia Santangelo** (European Commission, Joint Research Centre)  
**"Evaluation of European Social Funds Interventions: Data, Limitations and Methodological Approaches"**
- 15:15 – 15:45**      **Coffee Break**
- 15:45 – 16:45**      **Group Discussion: What's the Agenda?**
- 16:45 – 17:00**      **Coffee Break**
- 17:00 – 17:30**      **Cyril Nouveau** (French National Employment Agency – Pôle Emploi)  
**"Evaluation in Pôle Emploi: Issues and Opportunities"**
- 17:30 – 18:00**      **Philippe Zamora** (Ministry of Labor, France)  
**"The 'Plan d'Investissement dans les Compétences' 2018–2022: 15 Billion € to Transform the French Training System for Low-qualified Unemployed People. How to Evaluate this Program?"**
- 18:00 – 18:30**      **Thomas Gross Havsager** (Danish Agency for Labor Market and Recruitment)  
**"New Data and Insights in the Field of Labor Market Policy"**
- 19:00**                **Dinner – Restaurant Orangeriet, Kronprinsessegade 13, 1306 Copenhagen K.**



**Friday, September 13**

- 9:15 – 9:45**      **Bart Cockx** (Ghent University and IZA), **Michael Lechner** (University of St. Gallen), **Joost Bollens** (VDAB)  
**"Heterogeneous Effects of the Active Labor Market Policies for Unemployed – A Causal Forest Based Approach"**
- 9:45 – 10:15**      **Robert Mahlstedt** (University of Copenhagen and IZA), **Steffen Altmann** (IZA and University of Copenhagen), **Sofie Cairo** (University of Copenhagen), **Alexander Sebald** (University of Copenhagen)  
**"Complexity and the Effectiveness of Public Policies"**
- 10:15 – 10:45**      **Bert van Landeghem** (University of Sheffield and IZA)  
**"Do High-Frequency Meetings between the Unemployed and Their Coaches Improve Transition into Work? Evidence from a Large-scale Randomized Field Experiment"**
- 10:45 – 11:00**      **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 – 11:20**      **Mike Daly** (Department for Work and Pensions, UK)  
**"Developing an 'Employment Data Lab' in the Department for Work and Pensions"**
- 11:20 – 11:40**      **Angelo Valerio** (Department for Work and Pensions, UK)  
**"In-Work Progression Trial: Further Impact Assessment and Cost Benefit Analysis"**
- 11:40 – 12:00**      **Conor O'Loan** (Department for Work and Pensions, UK)  
**"The Impact of Benefit Sanctions on Unemployment Exit"**
- 12:00 – 13:15**      **Lunch**
- 13:15 – 14:00**      **Bas van der Klaauw** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and IZA), **Nynke de Groot** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)  
**"A Randomized Experiment on Improving Job Search Skills of Older Unemployed Workers"**
- 14:00 – 14:45**      **Charles Bellemare** (Université Laval and IZA), **Marion Goussé** (Université Laval), **Guy Lacroix** (Université Laval), **Steeve Marchand** (University of California, Berkeley)  
**"Video CV and Job Search of Persons with and without Disabilities: A Field Experiment"**
- 14:45 – 15:00**      **Coffee Break**



**15:00 – 16:00**      **Group Discussion: Challenges for Evidence-based Labor Market Policy**

**16:00**              **Concluding Remarks**