

CEP Education conference 2025

Thursday 29 and Friday 30 May 2025. Rooms SAL.1.04 and SAL.B.07, 32 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 2AE

Thursday 29 May

9:15 Welcome and introduction (room 1.04)

SAL.1.04

SAL.B.07

09:30 Session 1A - Higher education access

Opportunity bound: transport and access to college in a megacity

Fabiola Alba-Vivar (Wake Forest University)

To enrol or not to enrol in university: the role of universities in a context of government regulation, income contingent loans, and variable tuition rate

Abigail Payne (University of Melbourne)

Price of admission: the impact of application fees on STEM graduate school applicants

Cécile Bonneau (Aalto University)

Chaired by **Sandra McNally** (CEP, LSE and Surrey University)

Session 1B - Peer effects and social influences

Achievement rank effects in a tracked school system

Sönke Hendrik Mathewes (Utrecht University School of Economics, LSE/CEP)

No kid is an island: intergenerational mobility and peer effects

Pietro Campa (University of Geneva)

Integrated vs. separated schooling for refugee children: long-term effects on education and assimilation

Simon ter Meulen (University of Munich)

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10:45 Break (room 1.05)

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11:15 Session 2A - Admissions and selection criteria

Should I stay, or should I go? Strategic responses to improve college admission chances

Carolina Concha-Arriagada (Columbia University)

Screening or exclusion? The role of standardized testing in academic sorting

Nagisa Tadjfar (MIT)

Is affirmative action the answer? Shrinking the STEM gender gap in higher education

Saloni Chopra (University of California, Davis)

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Session 2B - Vocational education and training

The value of dual education: evidence from the apprenticeship reform in Italy

Simona Comi (University of Milan)

Incentivizing firms to train evidence from a Danish reform

Jesper Eriksen (University of Copenhagen)

Technology, capital vintages and training

Mantej Singh Pardesi (Maastricht University)

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12:30 Lunch (room 1.05)

13:45 Keynote speech (room 1.04)

How far can inclusion go? The long-term impacts of preferential college admissions
Michela Carlana (Harvard Kennedy School)

Chaired by **Hanna Virtanen** (CEP, LSE and ETLA Economic Research, Helsinki)

15:00 Break (room 1.05)

15:15 Poster session (room 1.04)

Assessing the efficacy of debt forgiveness incentives in promoting higher education outcomes: evidence from Colombia's national student loan company
German Pulido (UCL)

Using principal stratification to analyze repeated treatment assignment
Nadine Ketel (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

Performance standards in education
Sander de Vries (Vrije University Amsterdam)

When it hurts the most: timing of parental job loss and a child's education

Marco Ovidi (Catholic University of Milan)

Beyond average high-school match effects
Sturla Løkken (Statistics Norway)

Trimming inefficiency while rewarding excellence. Labor market returns to tertiary vocational education and the role of course quality

Federica Maria Origo (University of Bergamo)

16:15 Break (room 1.05)

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16:30 Session 3A - Teacher effects and student outcomes

The quality of school track assignment decisions by teachers

Matthijs Oosterveen (Lisbon School of Economics and Management)

Shaping young minds: the effects of teachers on social skills

Jerry Montonen (Aalto University)

What do kids learn from exams?

Colin Green (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)

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Session 3B - Returns to education

Changes in the college mobility pipeline since 1900

Zachary Bleemer (Princeton)

How motives for adult education shape its returns

Mikko Silliman (Aalto University)

Major choice and gender gaps

Pablo Muñoz (Universidad de Chile)

Chaired by **Guglielmo Ventura** (CEP, LSE)

19:00 Reception (Bean Counter)

Friday 30 May

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09:30 Session 4A - Elite (higher) education

The end of a gender quota in elite higher education
Georgia Thebault (Paris Dauphine University)

Selective higher education and students' well-being
Sarah Flèche (Panthéon-Sorbonne University)

The pitfalls of higher selectivity: evidence on university degree completion
Maria Pia Iocco (National Foundation for Educational Research)

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Session 4B - Education trajectories and sorting

The long shadow of childhood economic disadvantage
Andy Dickerson (Sheffield University)

Nonstandard education careers and inequality
Moritz Mendel (Aalto University)

Oma linja school intervention: Improving post-compulsory educational choices
Maria Sauval (Aalto University)

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10:45 Break (room 1.05)

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11:15 Session 5A - Parental investments

How do parents affect the college education choices of their children?
Shihang Hou (Institute for Employment Research)

The macroeconomic consequences of competition for college admissions
Lichen Zhang (University of Hong Kong)

Shadow education in the context of hierarchical tracking: socioeconomic differences in parental investments
Sarah McNamara (Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research)

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Session 5B - Information and role models

Friends in higher places: can exposure to high-achieving peers raise university aspirations for disadvantaged students?
Kartik Vira (MIT)

Does exposure to female STEM professionals reduce the gender gap in STEM participation?
Justus Bamert (ETH Zurich)

Neighbor effects on human capital accumulation through college major choices
Annika Backes (Halle Institute for Economic Research)

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12:30 Lunch (room 1.05)

13:45 Keynote speech (room 1.04)

Information frictions and inequality in student success in post-secondary education
Esteban Aucejo (Arizona State University W. P. Carey School of Business, LSE/CEP)

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15:30 Session 6A - School performance

Accelerating opportunity: the effects of instructionally supported detracking

Tom Dee (Stanford University)

Bridging the gender gap in exam performance through nudges and stress reframing

Marcela Ines Gomez (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and Ceibal)

Public gains, private strains: public investment and private schooling in Peru

Panu Pelkonen (University of Sussex)

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Session 6B - Aspirations, beliefs and personality

Sorting into career paths on personality and preferences

Markus Nagler (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg)

“Going back to the high schools”: challenging stereotypes about economics

Sarah Smith (University of Bristol)

Mentoring and schooling choices: experimental evidence from Italy

Monica Langella (University of Naples Federico II, LSE/CEP)

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