



CVER CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Room 32L, 1.04, 1st Floor, 32 Lincoln's Inn Fields

THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

10:15– 10:30 **Welcome and Introduction from Frank Bowley** (Deputy Director of Technical Education Research and Analysis. Department for Education)

10.30-11.30 **Session 1: Education Reforms**

The effect of changing entrance requirements for VET education on low-income students
Shaun Dougherty (Vanderbilt University)

Who benefits from job specific skills? Evidence from a comprehensive school reform
Emma Duchini (University of Warwick)

11:30 - 11:45 **Coffee Break**

11:45 - 12:45 **Session 2: Education Reforms (continued)**

Did the Bologna Process challenge the German apprenticeship system? Evidence from a large-scale natural experiment
Stephan Thomsen (University of Hannover)

Heterogeneous Regional Innovation Spillovers of Universities of Applied Sciences
Tobias Schlegel (University of Zurich)

12:45 – 2:00 **Lunch (Bean Counter Cafe, basement floor)**

2:00 – 3.30 **Session 3: Firms' Demand for Skills**

Employers willingness to invest in the training of temporary workers
Davey Poulissen (Maastricht University)

Open labor markets and firms substitution between training apprentices and hiring workers
Andreas Kuhn (University of Bern)

The effects of immigration on wages: the role of human capital specificity
Damiano Pregaldini (University of Zurich)

3.30-4 **Coffee**

4:00 – 5:00 **Keynote: Uschi Backes-Gellner**
(University of Zurich)

5:00pm **Drinks reception (Bean Counter Cafe, basement floor)**

6:00pm **Dinner Buffet (Bean Counter Cafe, basement floor)**

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

9.30 - 11:30 Session 4: Educational pathways

The Paths to College

Lisha Agarwal (University of Padova)

The Evaluation of Post-Compulsory Education Pathways

Andy Dickerson and Damon Morris (University of Sheffield, CVER)

Where versus what: Estimating the value added of further education colleges and the returns to field of study in England

Claudia Hupkau (CUNEF, CVER)

The Value of BTECs and Higher Education

Pietro Patrignani, Alice Battiston, Sophie Hedges and Gavan Conlon (London Economics, CVER)

11:30 - 12:00 Coffee

12:00 – 1:00 Keynote: Eric Bettinger (Stanford University)

1:00 -2:00 Lunch (room 1.05, 1st floor)

2:00 – 3.30 Session 5: Skills for the 21st Century

Is Technological Change Really Skills-biased? Firm-level Evidence of the Complementarities between ICT and Workers' Education

Filippo Pusterla (ETH Zurich)

Non-cognitive skills and the school-to-work transition for low achievers: evidence from a remedial intervention in England

Vahé Nafilyan (Kings College London, CVER).

How do workers experience technological change?"

Guy Michaels (LSE)

3.30 Close