

Call for Papers

T.A.S.K.S. (Technology, Assets, Skills, Knowledge, Specialisation)

International
Workshop

Date:

May 17-18, 2010

Location:

Institute for
Employment Research,
90478 Nuremberg,
Germany

Topics

The Institute for Employment Research (IAB) and the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB) are pleased to announce an international workshop on the task-based approach.

The evolution of skill demand and wage structures in recent decades continues to motivate economic and sociological research. A growing body of the literature acknowledges that traditional labor demand models based on the differentiation between one or two skill-categories are ill-suited to explain recent labor market developments. In contrast, the predictions from task-based approaches typically are much better in line with the empirical evidence.

This workshop invites empirical and theoretical contributions using the task-based approach from all areas of labor market research and related fields such as the educational research, industrial economics, international comparisons, or public finance. Micro- and macrolevel papers are welcome. The scientific committee encourages contributions focusing on the role of job tasks in explaining changes in wages, occupational structures and skill demand, on worker heterogeneity in job tasks, on social and economic outcomes of the changing skill demand, on regional and international aspects of these trends, e.g. the trade in tasks, but also on the issue of the measuring job tasks.

Keynote and invited Speakers

David Autor, MIT Department of Economics

Christian Dustmann, Department of Economics, UCL

Esteban Rossi-Hansberg, Department of Economics and Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University

Maarten Goos, Faculty of Business and Economics, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

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Submission

The deadline for submission is February 1, 2010. Please submit electronic versions of extended abstracts (3 pages) or full papers in PDF or MS Word format to: TASKS@iab.de. You will be notified on acceptance of your paper by March 1, 2010. All presenters will be asked to submit a full paper version until May 1, 2010, and possibly they will also be asked to discuss another paper. All participants are requested to register no later than May 1, 2010.

Proceedings

Participants who present a paper may apply for financial support to cover accommodation and travel expenses. Abstracts and detailed information on the conference will be made available on the conference webpage.

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