Location: Federal Employment Agency (Bundesagentur für Arbeit), Room 168, Regensburger Straße 104, 90478 Nuremberg, Germany
Date: 18/19 September 2018

Programme

Tuesday, 18 September 2018

12.30 p.m. Arrival of participants and refreshments
1.00 p.m. Short welcome by the organizers
German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies (DZHW) and Institute for Employment Research (IAB)
1.05 p.m. Welcome address
Prof. Dr. Joachim Möller, IAB
1.30 p.m. Keynote 1: Pulling Apart? A Decade of Change in Europe's Graduate Labour Markets
Prof. Francis Green, PhD, University College London

2.30 p.m. Session 1: Regional and international mobility of students and graduates
Chair: Malte Sandner, IAB
Labour market returns to graduates' international experience: A European comparison
Marita Jacob, Michael Kühhirt, both Universität zu Köln; Margarida Rodrigues, EC JRC Sevilla
Why do graduates who studied abroad get higher wages?
Fabian Kratz, Ludwig Maximilian Universität München; Nicolai Netz, DZHW
Graduate migration in Germany – Regional patterns and determinants in a multilevel perspective
Björn Zucknik, Ruhr Universität Bochum

2.30 p.m. Session 2: Gender differences in educational outcomes and wages
Chair: Anja Gottburgsen, DZHW
Gender differences in higher education from a life course perspective: Transitions and social inequality between enrolment and first post-doc position
Markus Lörz, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena (FSU); Kai Mühleck, DZHW
The early career gender wage gap among university graduates
Malte Sandner, IAB; Ipek Yükselen, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg
Gender wage gap in STEM fields in Germany
Laura Zapfe, Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (JMU)

3.45 p.m. Coffee break
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| 4.00 p.m.| **Chair:** Alexander Patzina, IAB  
**Differences in economic returns to tertiary education: Does the institution matter?**  
Silvia Kopecny, Bayerisches Staatsinstitut für Hochschulforschung und Hochschulplanung (IHF); Steffen Hillmert, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen  
**Between equalization and decreasing returns: The effects of massive expansion of higher education in Poland**  
Katarzyna Kopycka, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg  
**Returns on higher education in the last decade**  
Friedhelm Pfeiffer, Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW); Jessica Ordemann, Kai Maaz, both German Institute for International Educational Research (DIPF) | **Chair:** Nancy Kracke, DZHW  
**The early pathways of graduates working in non-graduate jobs**  
Heike Behle, Warwick Institute for Employment Research (IER)  
**Leave on a high note! Postdoctoral employment and subsequent non-academic career prospects**  
Johannes König, International Centre for Higher Education Research Kassel (INCHER)  
**Cultural capital and occupational attainment in times of educational expansion: Are there returns for highbrow cultural activities**  
Ulrike Schwabe, DZHW; Bettina Langfeldt, Universität Kassel |
| 5.15 p.m.| **Session 5: Unequal access to and unequal returns of Doctorate Degrees**  
**Chair:** Nicolai Netz, DZHW  
**The adequate employment of doctoral recipients in Germany**  
Johannes König, Dominik Heinisch, Guido Buenstorf, all INCHER; Anne Otto, IAB  
**Equal title, unequal pay. Why do women with a doctorate earn less than male doctoral degree holders?**  
Lea Goldan, JMU Würzburg  
**PhD completion as a dimension of social inequality – Are women and first-generation students more likely to drop out?**  
Gesche Brandt, Steffen Jaksztat, both DZHW; Martin Neugebauer, Freie Universität Berlin | **Session 6: University access, university studies, and job tasks of graduates**  
**Chair:** Kai Mühleck, DZHW  
**The effects of tuition fees on study duration and completion**  
Jan Bietenbeck, Lund University; Jan Marcus, Universität Hamburg; Felix Weinhardt, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin)  
**Tertiary education, the reconsideration of educational decisions and the role of parental preferences**  
Heiko Quast, Heike Spangenberg, both DZHW; Bernhard Christoph, IAB  
**Job tasks of higher education graduates: A new instrument for measuring job requirements**  
Maximilian Trommer, Hildegard Schaeper, Gregor Fabian, all DZHW |
| 6.30 p.m.| End of the 1st conference day  
7.30 p.m. | Conference dinner at the restaurant „Petzengarten“ |
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| 9.00 a.m.  | **Keynote 2: Determinants and effects of higher education expansion in the 21st century**  
Prof. Dr. Monika Jungbauer-Gans, DZHW |
| 10.00 a.m. | **Session 7: The Master's degree and (new) inequalities**  
Chair: Johann Carstensen, DZHW  
Who studies for a Master's degree and is it worthwhile? Student success and returns to higher education in Switzerland  
David Glauser, University of Bern; Christoph Zangger, University of Zurich; Rolf Becker, University of Bern  
Labour market returns of Bachelor's and Master's Degrees: Signalling versus human capital effects?  
Johannes Wieschke, Susanne Falk, Maike Reimer, all IHF  
The Master's Degree as a new means of distinction? How the implementation of a two-tier degree structure in German higher education contributes to rising wage inequalities among higher education graduates  
Markus Lörz, Kathrin Leuze, both FSU Jena |
| 11.15 a.m. | Coffee break                                                         |
| 11.30 a.m. | **Session 8: Vocational (and professional) education: an alternative to university studies?**  
Chair: Silke Anger, IAB  
Bachelor, Master or (further) vocational education and training? Recruitment chances of graduates with different types of degrees in the German labour market  
Alexandra Mergener, Tobias Maier, both Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB)  
An analysis of medium-term labour market and earnings effects of university compared to higher technical education  
Hector Espinoza, Stefan Speckesser, both National Institute of Economic and Social Research  
Returns to higher professional education in Switzerland  
Fabian Sander, Irene Kriesi, both Swiss Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (SFIVET)  
Consequences of university dropout for getting an apprenticeship in Germany. A factorial survey experiment  
Annabell Daniel, Martin Neugebauer, Rainer Watermann, all Freie Universität Berlin |
| 1.10 p.m.  | Farewell                                                               |
| 1.15 p.m.  | Lunch                                                                 |
| 2.00 p.m.  | End of the conference                                                 |