

**15<sup>th</sup>**  
**International Workshop on Applied**  
**Economics of Education**  
**(IWAEE)**

Programme

June 15th - 17th, 2025

Sunday 15th June

**Location:** Hotel Perla del Porto, Catanzaro Lido (CZ)

**19:00- Registration (Lobby Hotel)**

**20:00- Drinks and Welcome Dinner (Restaurant - Hotel Perla del Porto)**

Monday 16th June

**9:00-9:10 - Welcome**

**9:10-10:10 - Keynote 1**

**10:10-10:30 - Coffee Break**

**10:30-12:10 - Contributed Sessions A**

**12:10-13:25 - Poster Session A**

**13:25-14:25 - Lunch**

**14:25-16:05 - Contributed Sessions B**

**16:05-16:20 McEmpirics Presentation**

**16:20 - Coffee Break**

**17:00 - Tour (Fortezza di Le Castella)**

**20:00 Gala Dinner (Ristorante Salotto Aragonese)**

Tuesday 17th June

**9:15-10:30 - Contributed Sessions C**

**10:30-11:00 - Coffee Break**

**11:00-12:00 - Keynote 2**

**12:00-13:15 - Contributed Sessions D**

**13:15-14:15 - Lunch**

**14:15-15:35 - Poster Session B**

**15:40-16:40 - Keynote 3**

**16:40-17:00 - Coffee Break**

**17:00-17:50 - Contributed Sessions E**

**20:30 - Informal Dinner - Catanzaro Lido (Local Pizzeria)**

\*\*\*All contributed sessions - 25 minutes per paper - 20 minutes presentation with 5 minutes for discussion\*\*\*

Monday 16th June

**Welcome: 9:00-9:10 Room A**

**Keynote 1: 9:10:10:10 Room A**

Sarah Cohodes (University of Michigan)

*Different Paths to College Success: The Impact of Massachusetts' Charter Schools on College Trajectories*

**Coffee Break: 10:10-10:30**

**Contributed Sessions A: 10:30-12:10**

**A1: Returns to Education (Room: A) — Chair: Shihang Hou**

- **Oliver Cassagneau-Francis** (UCL)  
*Estimating heterogeneous returns to college by cognitive and non-cognitive ability*
- **Zhengren Zhu** (Vassar College)  
*Returns to and Option Values of Majoring in Business and Engineering*
- **Ziyue Zhu** (ROA, Maastricht University)  
*Skill Matters: Curriculum updates and Labor Market Outcomes*
- **Shihang Hou** (Institute for Employment Research)  
*Individual and Aggregate Mismatch in Higher Education*

**A2: Choice (Room: B) — Chair: Judith Delaney**

- **Justus Bamert** (ETH Zurich)  
*Family Preferences and Horizontal Differentiation in Urban School Choice Markets*
- **Shwetha Raghuraman** (Aarhus University)  
*Does Exposure to Female STEM Professionals Reduce the Gender Gap in STEM Participation?*
- **Tina Rozsos** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)  
*Switch happens: were school switchers initially assigned to the wrong schools?*
- **Judith Delaney** (University of Bath)  
*Levelling the Playing Field? SES Differences in Graduate Degree Choices*

**Poster Session A: 12:10-13:25**

- **Erika Povea** (NHH)  
*The Infiltration of Organized Crime: Effects on Educational Outcomes*
- **Matteo Caruso** (University of Turin)  
*Education, Generations, and Gender Attitudes: educational attainment and sexist beliefs across cohorts*
- **Barbara Pertold-Gebicka** (Charles University)  
*Measuring Horizontal Mismatch and its Consequences: Application of Expert- and Data-driven Methods to new Czech Data*

- **Zitong Wang** (The Chinese University of Hong Kong )  
*Returns to Women's Education Within Marriage: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design Study in China*
- **Stanislav Avdeev** (University of Amsterdam)  
*University as a Melting Pot: Long-term Effects of International Peers*
- **Britta Hecker** (Institute for Employment Research (IAB) )  
*The effect of computer science at higher education institutions on local labour markets*
- **Gill Wyness** (UCL)  
*Teacher leniency and the impact of higher education mismatch on earnings*
- **Margaret Leighton** (University of St. Andrews)  
*The Impact of Feedback Framing on Subsequent Effort and Performance*
- **Nikki Shure** (UCL)  
*The "first in family" pay penalty: the role of selection to firms and occupations*

**Lunch 13:25-14:25**

## **Contributed Sessions B: 14:25-16:05**

### **B1: Early Childhood (Room: A) — Chair: Valentina Sontheim**

- **Carmen Quezada** (University of Toronto)  
*Assessing the Family-Wide Impact of Delayed Primary School Enrollment: The Effects of an Additional Year Without Childcare*
- **Marianna Battaglia** (University of Alicante)  
*From Nursery to Classroom: The Lasting Impact of Public Early Childcare*
- **Vibeke Myrup Jensen** (VIVE - The Danish Centre for Social Science Research )  
*Helping the Many by Tutoring the Few: Evidence from a Large-Scale Randomized Field Experiment*
- **Valentina Sontheim** (University of Lucerne)  
*Being Young at School Start, Relative School Starting Age, and Education Inequality*

### **B2: Higher Education I (Room: B) — Chair: Elena Castellaro**

- **Mengwei Lin** (University of Barcelona)  
*Penalizing Failures at University*
- **German Pulido** (UCL)  
*Assessing the Efficacy of Debt Forgiveness Incentives in Promoting Higher Education Outcomes: Evidence from Colombia's National Student Loan Company*
- **Edoardo Frattola** (Bank of Italy)  
*Excellence Funds, Excellent Outcomes? Lessons from Italian University Departments*
- **Elena Castellaro** (University of Amsterdam)  
*The Causal Effect of Higher Education on Health*

## **McEmpirics - Thomas Siedler (Room: A): 16:05-16:20**

**Coffee Break 16:20-16:50**

**Tour (Fortezza di Le Castella) and Gala Dinner (Ristorante Salotto Aragonese) - 17:00-24:00**

Tuesday 17th June

## Contributed Sessions C: 9:15-10:30

### C1: Gender and Parents (Room: B) — Chair: Mikkel Houmark

- **Maria Laura Di Tommaso** (University of Turin)  
*It starts early! Male-dominated classes and girl's bullying.*
- **Daphne Rutnam** (University of Zurich)  
*Parents' Perceptions of Occupational Fit*
- **Mikkel Houmark** (Aarhus University)  
*Gender Differences in the Genetics of Skill Formation*

### C2: Higher Education II (Room: B) — Chair: Giulia Savio

- **Samuel Nocito** (Sapienza University of Rome)  
*Do reforms aimed at reducing time to graduation work? Evidence from the Italian higher education system*
- **Pedro Luis Silva** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) and CIPES)  
*Income-Based Affirmative Action, Take-up Rate, and University Enrolment*
- **Giulia Savio** (University of Turin)  
*Gender Composition and University Climate*

Coffee Break 10:30-11:00

### Keynote 2: 11:00-12:00 Room A

Matthew Wiswall (Johns Hopkins University)  
*The Case for Childcare Subsidies*

## Contributed Sessions D: 12:00-13:15

### D1: Educational Inequalities and Diversity (Room: A) — Chair: Matthew Collins

- **Giuseppe Sorrenti** (University of Lausanne)  
*Intra-household Insurance and the Intergenerational Transmission of Income Risk*
- **Zachary Bleemer** (Princeton University)  
*Affirmative Action and Racial Integration*
- **Matthew Collins** (University of Galway)  
*Exposure to Inequality, Human Capital Investment, and Labor Market Outcomes*

### D2: Schools (Room: B) — Chair: Thomas Siedler

- **Deborah Cobb-Clark** (University of Sydney)  
*Do Teachers Respond To Standardised Exam Results?*
- **Marco Alberto De Benedetto** (University of Calabria)  
*Bridging the Gap: The Effect of National Operational Program (PON) on School Performance*
- **Thomas Siedler** (University of Potsdam)  
*A Library in the Palm of your Hand? A Randomized Reading Intervention with Low-Income Children*

13:15-14:15 Lunch

## 14:15-15:35 Poster Session B

- **Yusuf Agus** (European University Institute)  
*Peer Ability and Dynamics of Classrooms*
- **Yuki Onozuka** (Otaru University of Commerce)  
*Student Quality and Diversity: The Impact of Multiple Admission Methods with Different Evaluation Criteria and Timings*
- **Silvia Granato** (European Commission Joint Research Centre )  
*The effect of grading leniency on future academic outcomes: a machine learning approach.*
- **Kars van Oosterhout** (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)  
*The expansion of higher education in a "new town": consequences for study choices and moving behaviour*
- **Matt Dickson** (University of Bath)  
*The effect of education participation on youth custody: causal evidence from England*
- **Hanna Brosch** (Technical University of Munich)  
*Worker Beliefs about Firm Training*
- **Frauke Witthoeft** (ifo Institute )  
*Subtitling and the Acquisition of Foreign-Language Skills: A Cross-Country Between-Subject Analysis*
- **Sander de Vries** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam )  
*Performance Standards in Education*
- **Xinyi Chen** (University of Glasgow)  
*The Effects of Teachers' Attitudes towards Migrant Students on Their Academic Achievements*

## Keynote 3: 15:40-16:40 Room A

Björn Öckert (IFAU)

*Parental and School Responses to Student Performance: Evidence from School Entry Rules*

16:40 - 17:00 Coffee Break

## Contributed Sessions E: 17:00-17:50

### C1: Funding and Benefits (Room: A) — Chair: Mette Lunde Christensen

- **Xhiselda Demaj** (University of Bologna)  
*Expanding Benefits: The Impact of a Universal Free School Meal Policy on Non-Cognitive Skills*
- **Mette Lunde Christensen** (VIVE – The Danish Center for Social Science Research)  
*Effects of Higher Staff-Child Ratios in Danish Kindergartens*

### E2: Refugees / Labour Market Inequality (Room: B) — Chair: Simon ter Meulen

- **Lindsey Macmillan** (UCL)  
*Knockin' on the glass door: Differential entry to graduate jobs*
- **Simon ter Meulen** (CESifo)  
*Integrated vs. Separated Schooling for Refugee Children: Long-Term Effects on Education and Assimilation*

## Informal Dinner 20:30