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**Programme**

**Friday 13 March**

9.00-9.30 **Coffee/Registration**

**Session 1**

9.30-10.15 **Faculty Quality and PhD Student Outcomes - Evidence from Dismissed Mathematicians in Nazi Germany**

\*Fabian Waldinger (Centre for Economic Performance, LSE)

10.15-11.00 **Teacher and Peer Effects in Higher Education: Evidence From a French University**

\*Thibault Brodaty (Center for Research in Economics and Statistics (CREST)  
Marc Gurgand (Paris Jourdan Sciences Economiques (PSE))

11.00-11.30 Coffee/Tea

**Session 2**

11.30-13.00: **Keynote**  
Derek Neal (University of Chicago)

13.00-14.00 **Lunch**

**Session 3**

14.00-14.45 **Understanding the Income Gradient in College Attendance in Mexico: The Role of Heterogeneity in Expected Returns to College**

\*Katja Kaufman (IGIER, Università Bocconi)

14.45-15.30 **Does Date of Birth Influence Educational and Labour Market Outcomes? Evidence from France**  
\*Julien Grenet (Paris Jourdan Sciences Economiques (PSE))

15.30-16.00 **Coffee/Tea**

#### Session 4

16.00-16.45 **Valuing School Quality Using Boundary Discontinuities**  
Stephen Gibbons, (Centre for Economic Performance (CEP), LSE)  
\*Steve Machin (University College London, Centre for Economic Performance, LSE and CEPR)  
Olmo Silva (Centre for Economic Performance (CEP), LSE)

16.45-17.30 **The Long Run Consequences of Being Graded in Elementary School**  
\*Anna Sjögren (Institute for Labour Market Policy Evaluation (IFAU))

17.30-18.15 **If You Pay Peanuts do You Get Monkeys? A Cross Country Comparison of Teacher Pay and Pupil Performance**  
\*Peter Dolton (Royal Holloway, University of London)  
Oscar Marcenaro-Gutierrez (Centre for Economic Performance, LSE)

18.15-19.00 **Management meeting**

20.00 **Dinner**  
Sofra Restaurant, Coven Garden

#### Saturday 14 March

#### Session 5

10.00-10.45 **Same Work, Lower Grade? Student Ethnicity and Teachers' Subjective Assessments**  
\*Reyn Van Ewijk (University of Amsterdam)

10.45-11.30 **How Do Teachers Respond to Incentive Schemes? Findings from a Laboratory Experiment**  
\*Stefanie Lehmann (Centre for Economic Performance, LSE and Bonn Graduate School of Economics)  
Christoph Winkler (Freie Universität Berlin and University of Trier)

11.30-12.00 **Coffee/Tea**

## Session 6

- 12.00-13.00 **Keynote**  
**The Causal Effect of Instructional Time on Achievements in Math, Science and Reading: International Evidence**  
Victor Lavy (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Royal Holloway University of London and CEPR)
- 13.00-14.00 **Lunch**

## Session 7

- 14.00-14.45 **Earnings and Occupational Status Returns to Lifelong Learning**  
Jo Blanden (CEP, London School of Economics; University of Surrey)  
\*Franz Buscha (University of Westminster, Centre for Employment Research)  
Patrick Sturgis (University of Southampton)  
Peter Urwin (University of Westminster, Centre for Employment Research)
- 14.45-15.30 **The Intergenerational Transmission of Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skills**  
Erik Gronqvist (Institute for Labour Market Policy Evaluation (IFAU))  
\* Björn Öckert (Institute for Labour Market Policy Evaluation (IFAU))  
Jonas Vlachos (Stockholm University and CEPR)
- 15.30-16.00 **Coffee/tea**

## Session 8

- 16.00-16.45 **Birth Order, Gender and Educational Attainment**  
\*Kim Young-Joo (University of Essex)
- 16.45-17.30 **On Gender Gaps and Self-fulfilling Expectations: Theory, Policies and Some Empirical Evidence**  
\*Juan Dolado (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and CEPR)  
Cecilia Garcia-Penalosa (GREQAM)  
Sara de la Rica (Universidad del Pais Vasco)

## **End of programme**

\* Indicates the presenter

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