



PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMICS 2024

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 ■ HOTEL DUBROVNIK, ZAGREB

PROGRAM

8:30 – 9:00 **REGISTRATION**

OPENING

Vjekoslav Bratić, *Director of the Institute of Public Finance*

Jakša Krišto, *Vice Dean for Students and Study Programs at the Faculty of Economics & Business, University of Zagreb*

Hana Huzjak, *Economic Advisor to the European Commission Representation in Croatia*

9:00 – 9:45

Hrvoje Meštrić, *Director-General of the Directorate for Science and Technology, Ministry of Science, Education and Youth of the Republic of Croatia*

Hana Zoričić, *Deputy to the Chief State Treasurer at Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Croatia*

Ivan Vidiš, *State Secretary at the Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy of the Republic of Croatia*

9:45 – 10:30

KEYNOTE SPEECH: Daniele Checchi, *University of Milan, Italy*

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00

PARALLEL SESSIONS 1 – 3

12:00 – 13:20

Lunch

13:20 – 14:20

PARALLEL SESSIONS 4 – 6

14:20 – 14:40

Coffee break

14:40 – 15:20

KEYNOTE SPEECH: Harry A. Patrinos, *University of Arkansas, United States (remote)*

15:20 – 15:40

Coffee break

15:40 – 16:40

PARALLEL SESSIONS 7 – 8

16:40 – 17:00

CLOSING REMARKS

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Lara Lebedinski, *University of Vienna, Austria*

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PARALLEL SESSION 1: ADVANCING EDUCATION

(Chair/discussant: Danijel Baturina, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia)

Building a global picture of higher education services: A new framework for measuring between-provider differentiation

Jonathan Williams, German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies (DZHW), Germany

Educational gains from off-grid school: Electrification in rural areas

Magdalena Blanco, Royal Holloway, University of London, United Kingdom

María Cecilia Ramirez Michelena, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain

Natalia D'Agosti, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

PARALLEL SESSION 2: EDUCATION AND LABOUR MARKETS

(Chair/discussant: Dubravko Mihaljek, Co-editor of PSE journal, Institute of Public Finance, Croatia)

The transition from university to work and skills mismatch among university graduates in the Western Balkans and North Africa

William Bartlett, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom

Imane El Ouizgani, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco

Ivana Prica, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Belgrade, Serbia

On the wage returns to non-cognitive skills: A meta analysis

Maurice Kugler, George Mason University, United States

Diego Angel-Urdinola, World Bank, United States

Narae Lee, World Bank, United States

Angelo Santos, George Mason University, United States

Olzhas Zhorayev, George Mason University, United States

Gender differences in self-confidence and labor market outcomes

Britta Jensen, Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Germany

Ipek Yükselen, Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Germany

PARALLEL SESSION 3: EDUCATION AND MOBILITY

(Chair/discussant: Ivan Čipin, Faculty of Economics & Business, University of Zagreb, Croatia)

Beyond the degree: Fertility outcomes of 'first in family' graduates

Anna Adamecz, University College London Social Research Institute, United Kingdom

Anna Lovász, University of Washington Tacoma, United States

Sunčica Vujić, University of Antwerp, Belgium

Socio-economic mobility in Greece and the role of education

Georgios Kitsoleris, De Montfort University, United Kingdom

Tuan Anh Luong, De Montfort University, United Kingdom

PARALLEL SESSION 4: UNLOCKING ACADEMIC POTENTIAL

(Chair/discussant: Šime Smolić, Faculty of Economics & Business, University of Zagreb, Croatia)

Unlocking academic potential: Role of individual agency in diverse social environments	Dora Popović, <i>Ivo Pilar Institute of Social Sciences, Croatia</i>
	Eta Krpanec, <i>Ivo Pilar Institute of Social Sciences, Croatia</i>
	Maja Parmač Kovačić, <i>Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia</i>
	Irena Burić, <i>Department of Psychology, University of Zadar, Croatia</i>
Iva Šverko, <i>Ivo Pilar Institute of Social Sciences, Croatia</i>	
Can innovation and higher-order skills be taught in schools? Experimental evidence from India	Saloni Gupta, <i>Stanford University, United States</i>

PARALLEL SESSION 5: JOB SATISFACTION

(Chair/discussant: Sunčica Vujić, University of Antwerp, Belgium)

Education and job satisfaction: Two alternative approaches	Cristina Pita, <i>Universidad de Salamanca, Spain</i> Ramón J. Torregrosa, <i>Universidad de Salamanca, Spain</i>
Job satisfaction of PhD faculty members at Croatian universities: Differences in socio-demographic characteristics	Valentina Pavlović Vinogradac, <i>Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia</i> Miroslav Rajter, <i>Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia</i>

PARALLEL SESSION 6: EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

(Chair/discussant: Jasmina Mašović, Institute of Public Finance, Croatia)

Predicting expectations of extreme climate event among business school students from South East Europe: The role of pro-environmental attitudes and environmental self-efficacy	Nikša Alfirević, <i>Znanstveni centar izvrsnosti za školsku efektivnost i menadžment; Faculty of Economics, Business and Tourism, University of Split, Croatia</i>
	Jurica Pavičić, <i>Faculty of Economics & Business, University of Zagreb, Croatia</i>
	Darko Rendulić, <i>Karlovac University of Applied Sciences, Croatia</i>
Another way of teaching microeconomics: Impact evaluation of the CORE project	Pablo Blanchard, <i>Udelar – FCEA, Uruguay</i>
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	Juan Camilo Cárdenas, <i>Universidad de los Andes, Colombia</i>
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Ivone Perazzo, <i>Udelar – FCEA, Uruguay</i>	

PARALLEL SESSION 7: ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION

(Chair/discussant: Emil Vargović, *Institute of Public Finance, Croatia*)

Vouchers in higher education: (dis)advantages and risks	Vedran Đulabić, <i>Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia</i>
WISEs and their potential to transform the Croatian skill-production regime	Nikola Buković, <i>Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia</i> Danijel Baturina, <i>Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia</i>

PARALLEL SESSION 8: EDUCATION IN CROATIA

(Chair/discussant: Luka Draganić, *Institute of Public Finance, Croatia*)

Excellence comes from distance: Case of Croatian HEI	Vinko Zaninović, <i>Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Rijeka, Croatia</i> Zoran Ježić, <i>Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Rijeka, Croatia</i> Alen Host, <i>Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Rijeka, Croatia</i>
Time gap between termination of paid parental leave and eligibility for early childhood education and care services in Croatia	Ana Marija Sikirić Simčić, <i>Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Rijeka, Croatia</i>
