Hot Topics in Macro Labor

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Outline

The objective of this seminar is to discuss recent theoretical and empirical work on Labor Economics. We will analyze and discuss important questions such as: What are the determinants of the labor market polarization? How does technology affect employment and inequality? How will the demographic change affect the labor market? Should we tax robots? How do education policies affect growth? What are the determinants of the gender gap?

Assessment

Participants choose a paper from the list of topics. They are required to present the paper in class (25/30 minutes presentation + 5/10 minutes of discussion) and to write a seminar paper (max 10-12 pages, font size 12 pt and line spacing 1.5). Participants should provide a summary and critical evaluation of the paper, a comparison with the related literature, and, where relevant, an assessment based on pertinent empirical data. Seminar presentations and the paper are in English. Grading is based on the presentation (40 %) and the seminar paper (60 %).

Organization Details

Students have to sign up for this seminar during the period June 28 - July 5, 2022. Students who have received a slot in the seminar should send a list of at least 5 papers ranked by their preferences to daniele.angelini@uni-konstanz.de. Topics are allocated on a ‘first come, first served’ basis. The seminar will be held as a block seminar on Friday, January 20 and Saturday, January 21, 2023 (compulsory attendance, room TBA). We will first meet on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 10.00 - 11.30, to discuss details (compulsory attendance, room TBA). Participants have to hand in their seminar paper by January 27 (11:59 am), 2023 (or earlier) as an electronic file + printed copy.
Topics

1. Labor Market Polarization
   (a) Goos et al. (2014)
   (b) David (2015)
   (c) Cerina et al. (2017)

2. Technological Change, Skills, and Employment
   (a) Autor et al. (2003)
   (b) Acemoglu and Restrepo (2018b)
   (c) Frey and Osborne (2017)
   (d) Prettner and Strulik (2020)
   (e) Moll et al. (2021)

3. Robot/Capital tax
   (a) Acemoglu et al. (2020)
   (b) Guerreiro et al. (2022)

4. Education and growth
   (a) Ono and Uchida (2016)
   (b) Arcalean and Schiopu (2010)
   (c) Artige and Cavenaile (2021)

5. Demographics and the Labor Market
   (a) Abeliansky and Prettner (2017)
   (b) Acemoglu and Restrepo (2018a)
   (c) Stähler (2021)
   (d) Boeri et al. (2017)

6. Discrimination and the Gender Gap
   (a) Coate and Loury (1993)
   (b) Rosén (2003)
   (c) Rendall (2017)
References


