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? How will the demographic change affect the labor market? What are the determinants of the gender gap? How did the pandemic affect the labor markets?

Assessment

Participants choose a paper from the list of topics. They are required to present the paper in class (45-minute presentation) and to write a seminar paper (10-15 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 29 - July 5, 2021. 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@eui.eu. Topics are allocated on a ‘first come, first served’ basis. The seminar will be held as a block seminar on January 21 and January 22, 2022 (compulsory attendance, room TBA). We will first meet on November 9, 2021, to discuss details (compulsory attendance, format TBA). Participants have to hand in their seminar paper by March 14, 2022 (or earlier) as an electronic file + printed copy.
Topics

1. Labor Market Polarization
   (a) David and Dorn (2013)
   (b) Goos et al. (2014)
   (c) Moreno-Galbis and Sopraseuth (2014)
   (d) Cerina et al. (2017)

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

3. Labor Share Decline
   (a) Karabarbounis and Neiman (2014)
   (b) Koh et al. (2020)
   (c) Autor et al. (2020)
   (d) De Loecker et al. (2020)

4. Demographics and the Labor Market
   (a) Abeliantsky and Prettner (2017)
   (b) Acemoglu and Restrepo (2018a)
   (c) Boeri et al. (2017)

5. Discrimination and the Gender Gap
   (a) Rosén (2003)
   (b) Lordan and Pischke (2016)
   (c) Rendall (2017)
   (d) Cavalcanti and Tavares (2016)

6. Human Capital and Household Decisions
   (a) Chiappori et al. (2009)
7. Labor Markets during the Covid-19 Pandemic

(a) Adams-Prassl et al. (2020)
(b) Cajner et al. (2020)

References


