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? 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 January 18 - January 25, 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, June 17 and Saturday, June 18, 2022 (compulsory attendance, room TBA). We will first meet on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 17.00 - 18.30, to discuss details (compulsory attendance, format TBA). Participants have to hand in their seminar paper by July 8, 2022 (or earlier) as an electronic file + printed copy.
Topics

1. Labor Market Polarization
   (a) David (2015)
   (b) Black and Spitz-Oener (2010)
   (c) Moreno-Galbis and Sopraseuth (2014)

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

3. Labor Share Decline
   (a) Karabarbounis and Neiman (2014)
   (b) Koh et al. (2020)

4. Demographics and the Labor Market
   (a) Abeliansky and Prettner (2017)
   (b) Acemoglu and Restrepo (2018a)
   (c) Boeri et al. (2017)
   (d) Ono and Uchida (2016)
   (e) Gonzalez-Eiras and Niepelt (2008)

5. Discrimination and the Gender Gap
   (a) Coate and Loury (1993)
   (b) Rosén (2003)
   (c) Lordan and Pischke (2016)
   (d) Rendall (2017)
   (e) Cavalcanti and Tavares (2016)

6. Labor Markets during the Covid-19 Pandemic
References


