

GRADING OF EXAM PAPERS

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES

The Sciences Po Office of Academic Affairs and Pedagogical Innovation is seeking:

A/several grader(s) for Professor CAHUC master's core-curriculum lecture course entitled "Labor Market Policies in a Comparative Perspective".

Course description:

Labor Market Policies in a Comparative Perspective

Semester : Spring 2019

Number of hours: 24

Language of tuition: English

PRE-REQUISITE

None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course introduces students to the recent research in labor economics and to the knowledge of empirical facts about labor markets in a comparative perspective. The first part of the course describes how labor markets work. It explains why people work, why firms create and destroy jobs, how remunerations are determined, what are the effects of technological progress and globalization on employment and wages. The second part analyzes the consequences of labor market policies aiming at creating jobs and reducing inequalities. Moreover, in each lecture, students present a country study relying on recent papers by prominent labor economists published in the series, IZA World of Labor (<https://wol.iza.org>). Countries studies, presented in 15 minutes, are followed by a 15 minutes general discussion.

TEACHER

Pierre Cahuc (Professor)

PEDAGOGICAL FORMAT

Lecture

COURSE VALIDATION

The evaluation is based on two tests: a) One take home (40% of the final mark): students have either to present a country study and to write a short (2 pages max) essay summarizing the main features of the country study or to write a short (3 pages max) essay on a topic related to the course. The assessment will depend on the clarity and originality of the reasoning. b) A final exam in two parts (60% of the final mark) : 1) A series of short questions on the material covered during the course. 2) One or two questions asking to interpret some empirical results.

REQUIRED READING

- Tito Boeri, Jan van Ours, *The Economics of imperfect labor markets*, Princeton University Press, 2013.
- Georges Borjas, *Labor Economics*, McGraw Hill, 2015.
- Enrico Moretti, *The New Geography of Jobs*, Mariner Book, Houston, 2013.
- OECD *Employment Outlook*, 2017, 2018.

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED READING

Other readings will be communicated during lectures.

SYLLABUS

Session 1: An overview of labor markets in OECD countries

- OECD employment outlook, 2018
- Tito Boeri, Jan van Ours, *The Economics of imperfect labor markets*, Princeton University Press, 2013, Chapter 1.

Session 2: Why people work?

- Georges Borjas, *Labor Economics*, McGraw Hill, 2015, chapter 2
- Tito Boeri, Jan van Ours, *The Economics of imperfect labor markets*, Princeton University Press, 2013, Chapters, 5, 6, 7.
- Olivier Bargain and Andreas Peichl, Own-wage labor supply elasticities: variation across time and estimation methods, *IZA Journal of Labor Economics*, 2016, 5:10
- Van der Linden, B. Do in-work benefits work for low-skilled workers?. *IZA World of Labor* 2016: 246

Country study: The changing of the French labor market, 2000–2017, Philippe Askenazy, July 2017, *IZA World of Labor*. <https://wol.iza.org/>

Session 3: Why firms create and destroy jobs?

- Georges Borjas, *Labor Economics*, McGraw Hill, 2015, chapter 3
- Tito Boeri, Jan van Ours, *The Economics of imperfect labor markets*, Princeton University Press, 2013, Chapter 1
- Hamermesh, D. Do labor costs affect companies' demand for labor?. *IZA World of Labor* 2014: 3

Country study: The labor market in Germany, 2000–2016, Hilmar Schneider Ulf Rinne,

2017, IZA World of Labor. <https://wol.iza.org/>

Session 4: Why people are paid differently?

- Georges Borjas, Labor Economics, McGraw Hill, 2015, chapters 4, 5, 9, 11.
- Tito Boeri, Jan van Ours, The Economics of imperfect labor markets, Princeton University Press, 2013, Chapter 4
- Bognanno, M. Efficient markets, managerial power, and CEO compensation. IZA World of Labor 2014: 34
- Valfort, M. Do anti-discrimination policies work?. IZA World of Labor 2018: 450

Country study: The labor market in the US, 2000–2016, Daniel Hamermesh, 2017, IZA World of Labor. <https://wol.iza.org/>

Session 5: What is the role of education and training?

- Georges Borjas, Labor Economics, McGraw Hill, 2015, chapter 6.
- Tito Boeri, Jan van Ours, The Economics of imperfect labor markets, Princeton University Press, 2013, Chapter 8
- Patrinos, H. Estimating the return to schooling using the Mincer equation. IZA World of Labor 2016: 278
- Webber, D. Is the return to education the same for everybody?. IZA World of Labor 2014: 92

Country study: The labor market in the UK, 2000–2016. Benedikt Herz, Thijs van Rens IZA World of Labor 2018:, 2018, IZA World of Labor. <https://wol.iza.org/>

Session 6: How people look for jobs?

- Georges Borjas, Labor Economics, McGraw Hill, 2015, chapter 12.
- Tito Boeri, Jan van Ours, The Economics of imperfect labor markets, Princeton University Press, 2013, Chapter 11
- Lalive, R., van Ours, J. and Zweimuller, J. 2006, How Changes in Financial Incentives Affect the Duration of Unemployment, Review of Economic Studies, 73, pp. 1009-038.

Country study: The labor market in Italy, 2000–2016, Francesca Marino Luca Nunziata, 2017, IZA World of Labor. <https://wol.iza.org/>

Session 7: What is the role of trade unions and collective bargaining?

- Georges Borjas, Labor Economics, McGraw Hill, 2015, chapter 10.
- Tito Boeri, Jan van Ours, The Economics of imperfect labor markets, Princeton University Press, 2013, Chapter 3
- OECD Employment outlook 2018, Chap 3.

Country study: The labor market in New-Zealand, 2000–2017, David C. Maré, 2018, IZA World of Labor. <https://wol.iza.org/>

Session 8: What are the effects of technological progress and globalization?

- Georges Borjas, Labor Economics, McGraw Hill, 2015, chapter 10.
- Tito Boeri, Jan van Ours, The Economics of imperfect labor markets, Princeton University Press, 2013, Chapter 3.
- David H. Autor, Why Are There Still So Many Jobs? The History and Future of Workplace Automation, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Summer 2015, 29(3), 3–30.
- David Autor, Trade and Labor Markets: Lessons from China's Rise, IZA World of Labor, 2018:431, 2018

Country study: The labor market in Norway, 2000–2016, Øivind A. Nilsen, 2018, IZA World of Labor. <https://wol.iza.org/>

Session 9: What are the effects of taxation and minimum wage?

- Georges Borjas, Labor Economics, McGraw Hill, 2015, chapter 7.
- Tito Boeri, Jan van Ours, The Economics of imperfect labor markets, Princeton University Press, 2013, Chapters 2 and 13.
- Neumark, D. Employment effects of minimum wages. IZA World of Labor 2014: 6

Country study: The labor market in Canada, 2000–2016, 2000–2016, W. Craig Riddell, 2018, IZA World of Labor. <https://wol.iza.org/>

Session 10: What unemployment insurance policies do?

- Tito Boeri, Jan van Ours, The Economics of imperfect labor markets, Princeton University Press, 2013, Chapter 11.
- Andersen, T. Tuning unemployment insurance to the business cycle. IZA World of Labor 2014: 54
- Moffitt, R. Unemployment benefits and unemployment. IZA World of Labor 2014: 13
- Tatsiramos, K. Unemployment benefits and job match quality. IZA World of Labor 2014: 44

Country study: The labor market in Sweden since the 1990s, Nils Gottfries, 2018, IZA World of Labor. <https://wol.iza.org/>

Session 11: What employment protection legislations do?

- Tito Boeri, Jan van Ours, The Economics of imperfect labor markets, Princeton University Press, 2013, Chapter 10.
- Scarpetta, S. Employment protection. IZA World of Labor 2014: 12

Country study: The Chinese labor market, 2000–2016, Junsen Zhang Jia Wu, 2018, IZA World of Labor. <https://wol.iza.org/>

Session 12: Are active labor market policies effective?

- Tito Boeri, Jan van Ours, *The Economics of imperfect labor markets*, Princeton University Press, 2013, Chapter 12.
- Card, D., J. Kluve and A. Weber (2018), What works? A meta analysis of recent active labor market program evaluations. *Journal of the European Economic Association* 16 (3): 894-931.
- Tranaes, T. Active labor market policies and crime. *IZA World of Labor* 2015: 185

Country study: The labor market in Australia, 2000–2016, Garry Barrett, 2018
IZA World of Labor. <https://wol.iza.org/>

Profile sought

PhD Student or similar level

Exam format

Written examination (3-page essays and a 2-hour terminal exam)

Calendar

The grader will get the midterm essays no later than April 18, 2019 and they should be graded by May 3, 2019.

The final exams will be available after May 10, 2019 and they should be graded by June 5, 2019.

Number of exam papers to correct

70

Compensation (pre-tax, hourly / per exam paper)

4.57 € per 3-page essay

4.57 € per 2-hour terminal exam

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your application to pierre.cahuc@sciencespo.fr, jeremy.hervelin@sciencespo.fr and pierre.villedieu@sciencespo.fr.

Before April 8, 2019.

For any addition questions or information, please contact the Core Curriculum Office:
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