

BELGIAN DAY FOR LABOUR ECONOMISTS

Program

Session 1 : Evaluation of labour market programmes

- 10:00 – 10:30 **Bernard Lejeune** (Université de Liège) :
"Do monitoring and counselling boost the job finding rates of the long-term unemployed ?
(with Muriel Fonder)
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Stijn Vanormelingen** (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven) :
"The impact of training on productivity and wages. Evidence from Belgian firm level panel data
(with Jozef Konings)
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Alain de Crombrughe** (Facultés Universitaires Notre-Dame de la Paix Namur):
"Wage and employment effects of a wage norm : the Polish transition experience

Session 2 : Labour market integration of youth

- 12:00 – 12:30 **Esly Verhofstadt** (Universiteit Ghent) :
"The role of temporary employment for the integration of school-leavers into permanent
employment " (with Christian Göbel)
- 12:30 – 13:00 **Matteo Picchio** (Université catholique de Louvain) :
"Influences of recent history on the early career patterns of young long-term unemployed
workers in Belgium" (with Bart Cockx)

Session 3 : Wage differentials based on employer-employee data

- 14:00 – 14:30 **Marton Csillag** (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven) :
"Wage inequality and firms' wage setting during transition"
- 14:30 – 15:00 **Ladislav Wintr** (National Bank of Belgium) :
"Understanding sectoral differences in downward real wage rigidity : workforce composition, competition, technology and institutions" *(with Philippe Du Caju and Catherine Fuss)*
- 15:00 – 15:30 **Michael Rusinek** (Université Libre de Bruxelles) : "Rent-Sharing under Different Bargaining Regimes : Evidence from Linked Employer-Employee Data" *(with François Rycx)*

Invited session

- 16:00 – 17:00 **Per Johansson** (The Institute for Labour Market Policy Evaluation, Sweden) :
"Monitoring and norms in the sickness insurance : Empirical evidence from a natural experiment" *(with Patrik Hesselius and Johan Vikström)*

A PAI-IUAP Workshop

The eighth edition of the Belgian Day for Labour Economists took place on **Friday June 13, 2008** at **Louvain-la-Neuve**, Université catholique de Louvain.

These days aim at improving contacts between labour economists in Belgium and to provide the opportunity especially to young, but also to senior researchers to present their work to experts in the field.

In addition to a number of selected contributions, the invited lecture of this year is given by [Per Johansson](#) from IFAU, the Institute for Labour Market Policy Evaluation in Sweden.

[Bart Cockx](#) (IRES, UCL), [Muriel Dejemepe](#) (IRES, UCL), [Bruno Van der Linden](#) (IRES, UCL)