briq Workshop
Firms, Jobs and Inequality
December 14-15, 2018

Organizers: Simon Jäger MIT and briq Benjamin Schoefer UC Berkeley

Friday, December 14:

9:00 – 9:30  Registration

9:30 – 9:45  Welcome
Simon Jäger  Benjamin Schoefer
MIT and briq UC Berkeley

9:45 – 10:10  Occupational Mobility, Outside Options, and Monopsony Power in the Labor Market
Anna Stansbury
Harvard University

10:10 – 10:50  Employment and Skill Reallocation over the Business Cycle: Evidence from Danish Data
Antoine Bertheau
CREST-ENSAE

10:50 – 11:10  Coffee Break

11:10 – 11:35  Labor Rigidities and the (Non-)Cleansing Effects of Credit Shocks: Evidence from Portugal
Edoardo Maria Acabbi
Harvard University
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11:35 – 12:30  **Keynote I**
Philipp Kircher
*European University Institute*

12:30 – 13:40  **Lunch**

13:40 – 14:20  **Labor Market Concentration, Skills, and Wages across U.S. Local Labor Markets**
Brad Hershbein
*W. E. Upjohn Institute*

14:20 – 15:00  **Labor Market Power**
Simon Mongey
*University of Chicago*

15:00 – 15:40  **Increased Concentration of Occupations, Outsourcing, and Growing Wage Inequality in the United States**
Elizabeth Weber Handwerker
*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

15:40 – 16:05  **Coffee Break**

16:05 – 16:45  **The Contradictory Effects of Dividing Labor: How Simplifying Jobs Makes Workers Less Redundant**
Nathan Wilmers
*MIT*

16:45 – 17:40  **Keynote II**
Arindrajit Dube
*University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

18:00  **Dinner**
Saturday, December 15:

9:20 – 9:45  What's a Job Candidate Worth? Setting Pay for New Employees after the “Salary History Ban”  
Laura Adler  
Harvard University

Daniel Mark Deibler  
Columbia University

10:10 – 10:35  Coffee Break

10:35 – 11:15  Uniform Across-Country Wage-Setting in Large Multinationals  
Heather Sarsons  
University of Toronto

11:15 – 12:10  Keynote III  
Till von Wachter  
UCLA

12:10 – 13:10  Lunch

13:10 – 13:50  Job Market Signaling through Occupational Licensing  
Peter Q. Blair  
Harvard University
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13:50 – 14:30 The Abolition of Immigration Restrictions and the Performance of Firms and Workers: Evidence from Switzerland
Michael Siegenthaler
ETH Zürich

14:30 – 15:10 Which Ladder to Climb? Wages of Workers by Job, Plant and Education
Moritz Kuhn
University of Bonn

15:10 – 15:35 Coffee Break

15:35 – 16:05 The Effects of Partial Employment Protection Reforms: Evidence from Italy
Raffaele Saggio
Princeton University

16:05 – 16:45 How Responsive are Wages to Demand within the Firm? Evidence from Idiosyncratic Export Demand Shocks
Andrew Garin
Harvard University

16:45 – 17:00 Farewell
Simon Jäger
MIT and briq
Benjamin Schoefer
UC Berkeley