

# briq Workshop Firms, Jobs and Inequality

December 14-15, 2018

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## Friday, December 14:

- 9:00 – 9:25**      **Registration**
- 9:25 – 9:30**      **Welcome**  
**Simon Jäger**      **Benjamin Schoefer**  
*MIT and briq*      *University of California, Berkeley*
- 9:30 – 9:55**      **Occupational Mobility, Outside Options, and Monopsony Power  
in the Labor Market**  
**Anna Stansbury**  
*Harvard University*
- 9:55 – 10:20**      **Employment and Skill Reallocation over the Business Cycle:  
Evidence from Danish Data**  
**Antoine Bertheau**  
*CREST-ENSAE*
- 10:20 – 10:35**      **Coffee Break**
- 10:35 – 11:00**      **Labor Rigidities and the (Non-)Cleansing Effects of Credit Shocks:  
Evidence from Portugal**  
**Edoardo Maria Acabbi**  
*Harvard University*
- 11:00 – 11:35**      **New Jobs and Old Jobs: Quits, Replacement Hiring, and  
Vacancy Chains**  
**Benjamin Schoefer**  
*University of California, Berkeley*

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- 11:35 – 12:30 **Keynote I**  
**Philipp Kircher**  
*European University Institute*
- 12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**
- 13:30 – 14:10 **Labor Market Concentration, Skills, and Wages across U.S. Local Labor Markets**  
**Brad Hershbein**  
*W.E. Upjohn Institute*
- 14:10 – 14:50 **Labor Market Power**  
**Simon Mongey**  
*University of Chicago*
- 14:50 – 15:30 **Increased Concentration of Occupations, Outsourcing, and Growing Wage Inequality in the United States**  
**Elizabeth Weber Handwerker**  
*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*
- 15:30 – 15:55 **Coffee Break**
- 15:55 – 16:35 **The Contradictory Effects of Dividing Labor: How Simplifying Jobs Makes Workers Less Redundant**  
**Nathan Wilmers**  
*MIT*
- 16:35 – 17:30 **Keynote II**  
**Arindrajit Dube**  
*University of Massachusetts, Amherst*
- 18:00 **Dinner**



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### Saturday, December 15:

- 9:00 – 9:25 **What’s a Job Candidate Worth? Setting Pay for New Employees after the “Salary History Ban”**  
**Laura Adler**  
*Harvard University*
- 9:25 – 9:50 **The Effect of Competition Shocks on Alternative Work Arrangements in the U.S. Labor Market 1995-2005**  
**Daniel Mark Deibler**  
*Columbia University*
- 9:50 – 10:00 **Coffee Break**
- 10:00 – 10:40 **Uniform Across-Country Wage-Setting in Large Multinationals**  
**Heather Sarsons**  
*University of Toronto*
- 10:40 – 11:20 **Harvesting Effects in the Labor Market? A Test of Coasean Job Separations**  
**Simon Jäger**  
*MIT and briq*
- 11:20 – 12:15 **Keynote III**  
**Till von Wachter**  
*University of California, Los Angeles*
- 12:15 – 13:15 **Lunch**
- 13:15 – 13:55 **Job Market Signaling through Occupational Licensing**  
**Peter Q. Blair**  
*Harvard University*





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- 13:55 – 14:35 **The Abolition of Immigration Restrictions and the Performance of Firms and Workers: Evidence from Switzerland**  
**Michael Siegenthaler**  
*ETH Zürich*
- 14:35 – 15:15 **Which Ladder to Climb? Wages of Workers by Job, Plant and Education**  
**Moritz Kuhn**  
*University of Bonn*
- 15:15 – 15:30 **Coffee Break**
- 15:30 – 16:10 **The Effects of Partial Employment Protection Reforms: Evidence from Italy**  
**Raffaele Saggio**  
*Princeton University*
- 16:10 – 16:50 **How Responsive are Wages to Demand within the Firm? Evidence from Idiosyncratic Export Demand Shocks**  
**Andrew Garin**  
*Harvard University*

