Labor Markets in Transition in China, Mongolia and Central Asia

Workshop

Beijing, 28-29 September 2017

Organizers: Hartmut Lehmann (University of Bologna and IZA), Furio Rosati (ILO UCW project, ICID and IZA) and Zhong Zhao (Renmin University of China and IZA)

Program

Paper presentation: 35 minutes, general discussion: 10 minutes.

Thursday, September 28:

09.30 – 09.45  Registration with Coffee/Tea

09.45 – 10.00  Welcoming by Zhong Zhao (Associate Dean, SLHR)

Azfar Khan (Head, Research and Evaluation Unit, Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Branch, ILO)

Hartmut Lehmann (Program Coordinator, IZA)

10.00 – 11.00  Lecture by Hartmut Lehmann (University of Bologna)

“Risk Attitudes, Informal Employment and Wages: Evidence from a Transition Country”
11.00 – 11.30 Coffee/Tea break

11.30 – 13.00 Paper Session 1: Trade liberalization and labor market outcomes

Chair: Jun Han (Renmin University of China)

Cai Shu (Institute for Economic and Social Research, Jinan University)

“Trade liberalization and human capital acquisition: Evidence from China”

Zi Yuan (University of Oslo)

“Trade liberalization and the Great Labor Reallocation”

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.00 Paper Session 2: Migration and well-being

Chair: Hartmut Lehmann (University of Bologna and IZA)

Ilhom Abdulloev (Open Society Institute and IZA)

“Migration and Job Dissatisfaction: Evidence from Tajikistan”

Bakhrom Mirkasimov (Westminster International University in Tashkent) and Sabohat Sobirova (Westminster International University in Tashkent)

“Is relative poverty triggering migration over and above absolute poverty? Evidence from Tajikistan”

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee/Tea break
16.30 – 18.00 Paper Session 3: Relative poverty and relative income

Chair: Ilhom Abdulloev (Open Society Institute and IZA)

Björn Gustafsson (University of Gothenburg and IZA) and Ding Sai (Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)

“Growing into relative poverty – Urban China 1988 to 2013”

Xianghong Wang (Renmin University of China) and Sili Zhang (University of Zurich)

“Two experiments on relative income”

18.30 Dinner

Friday, September 29:

09.00 – 10.30 Paper Session 4: Poverty and polarization

Chair: Björn Gustafsson (University of Gothenburg and IZA)

Jun Han (Renmin University of China)

“High-Speed Railway and Job Polarization”

Carl Lin (Bucknell University, China Institute for Income Distribution and IZA), Sylvie Déummer (University of Lyon, CNRS, GATE Lyon Saint-Etienne and IZA), Achim Schmitten (The World Bank) and Dewen Wang (The World Bank)

“Minimum Wages and Poverty in Urban China”

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee/Tea break
11.00 – 12.30  Paper Session 5: Policy interventions and labor market outcomes

Chair: Francesco Pastore (University of Campania “Luigi Vanvitelli” and IZA)

Karin Wu (Department of Agricultural Economics, Taiwan University) Hung-Hao Chang (Department of Agricultural Economics, Taiwan University)

“Agricultural disaster relief payments and labor supply of farm couples: An empirical analysis from Taiwan”

Dawei Jiang (School of Labor and Human resources, Renmin University of China)

“Too bad to be true: The impact of the employment protection legislation reform on firm performance in China”

12.30 – 14.00  Lunch

14.00 – 15.30  Paper Session 6: Work flexibility and remittances as potential drivers of development

Chair: Bakhrom Mirkasimov (Westminster International University in Tashkent)

Qian Weng (School of Labor and Human resources, Renmin University of China)

“Can flexible work practices encourage job entry? A natural field experiment in China”

Matloob Piracha (University of Kent and IZA), Teresa Randazzo (University of Bari) and Florin Vadean University of Kent

“Remittances, and occupational outcomes of the household members left-behind”
15.30 – 16.00  Coffee/Tea break

16.00 – 17.30  Paper Session 7: Displaced workers and working poor

Chair: Carl Lin (Bucknell University, China Institute for Income Distribution and IZA)

Li Yu (China Center for Human Capital and Labor Market Research, Central University of Finance and Economics) and Yunling Liang (China University of Petroleum)

“Necessity Entrepreneurship: Evidence from Displaced Workers of the SOE Reform in China”

Francesco Pastore (University of Campania “Luigi Vanvitelli” and IZA)

“Working but watching every penny? Working poverty and school dropout in Mongolia”

17.30 – 17.40  Concluding Remarks by Organizers