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Rohen d’AIGLEPIERRE. *L’enseignement privé en Afrique subsaharienne : enjeux, situations et perspectives de partenariats public-privé*. A Savoir, n° 22

Au regard des engagements des États en matière d’éducation, de leur situation éducative actuelle et de nombreux défis pour l’avenir, la question de l’enseignement privé constitue en effet un enjeu essentiel pour la région. En analysant le fonctionnement de l’enseignement privé en Afrique subsaharienne, notamment la situation de son offre et de sa demande, de son encadrement, de ses financements et de ses réalisations, l’auteur montre à quel point il est important de mieux l’encadrer et de l’inciter à améliorer l’accès, la qualité et l’équité de l’éducation dans la région.

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Nicolas Charles et Cécile Jolly, avec la contribution de Frédéric Lainé. *Étudiants étrangers et marché du travail : une comparaison Allemagne, France, Royaume-Uni*. Commissariat général à la stratégie et à la prospective, Rapports et documents, novembre 2013

Un rapport du CGSP (Commissariat général à la stratégie et à la prospective) compare les politiques publiques d’attractivité envers les étudiants étrangers de trois pays européens (Allemagne, France et Royaume-Uni). Il formule six propositions pour améliorer le dispositif administratif français, comme par exemple donner un rôle plus central aux entreprises et aux établissements d’enseignement supérieur en tant que sponsors des étudiants et diplômés étrangers et simplifier les conditions d’obtention d’une autorisation provisoire de séjour (APS).


La Commission européenne publie une étude consacrée aux attitudes générales des citoyens européens par rapport aux sciences et technologies et à la recherche. Elle montre notamment que les scientifiques travaillant dans les universités ou la fonction publique sont considérés comme étant les mieux qualifiés pour expliquer l’impact des développements en sciences et technologies (66%), les scientifiques travaillant dans les laboratoires privés étant classés en seconde position (35%).


Une nouvelle note d’information mise en ligne sur le site du MESR établit un état des lieux de la situation des étudiants en termes de parcours et de réussite dans les formations post-bac. On apprend que deux étudiants sur quatre passent directement en deuxième année de licence (un sur
quatre redouble et un sur quatre se réoriente ou abandonne ses études supérieures). Pour ceux qui parviennent en troisième année de licence, ils sont près de sept sur dix à obtenir le diplôme en un an.

L’Institut de recherche sur l’éducation (IREDU) publie un dossier consacré aux pratiques enseignantes à l’université et recense les travaux français et internationaux sur la description de ces pratiques. Les auteurs analysent également les effets induits par celles-ci sur les étudiants.


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**Repéré sur : cafepedagogique.net**


François Jarraud. *A quoi servent les parents ?* L’expresso du 21 novembre 2013

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*November 20, 2013*

**New From ECS**

**Time Is Running Out!**

ECS is soliciting nominations for three prestigious awards (*download the brochure*). All nominations must be received today, Wednesday, November 20, 2013. The awards will be presented at the 2014 ECS National Forum on Education Policy in Washington D.C., June 30 to July 2. Complete the nomination form (*PDF* or *Word*) and submit it, along with your statement of support, to Heidi Normandin by e-mail (hnormandin@ecs.org). If you have any questions about the nomination process, please call Heidi at 303.299.3629.
What States Are Doing

Drug-Dependent Newborns
In his weekly message, Maine Governor Paul LePage addressed the issue of babies born with drugs in their systems, half of whose mothers used opiates. About one in 12 babies in Maine is born drug-affected, and he said it is believed that those numbers are under-reported in the state and in the nation. LePage is working with Commissioner Mary Mayhew of the Department of Health and Human Services to address the problem. The University of Maine and Eastern Maine Medical Center are conducting research, and they are looking at how other states address the problem.

Free Information Technology Training Program for Veterans
Michigan Governor Rick Snyder announced a new public-private partnership this week that will provide information, technology training, and certification to Michigan veterans. Service members may be the most highly trained in the country, but transferring that training into civilian jobs can be a struggle, Snyder said. "This program will provide vets who worked in IT fields with the fast-track training they need to successfully transition into civilian employment." At no cost to veterans, the program will provide American National Standards Institute-accredited Cisco training leading to Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) certification as well as virtual access to Cisco Learning Labs.

Literacy Roadmap Incorporates Proven Programs
A "Reading Roadmap" in Kansas that coordinates several programs with proven track records of success in literacy achievement was launched last week by Governor Sam Brownback. The Rural School and Community Trust was awarded a $9 million TANF grant to partner with Families and School Together (FAST) and Save the Children to provide after-school programs focused on rural students. The Boys and Girls Club will grow its after-school and summer programs to incorporate a research-based literacy component in the urban areas of the state: Topeka, Hutchinson, Wichita, Lawrence, Manhattan, and Kansas City.

Good Reads

Improving Gainful Employment
The New America Foundation lays out recommendations for strengthening the Obama administration's proposal to ensure that career training programs provide students with high-quality options. Among those recommendations are tests which measure withdrawal rates, student loan repayment rates, and minimum income rates as well as the amount of debt graduates have compared to their incomes. Failing or struggling programs would be given opportunities to improve.

College- and Career-Ready Diplomas for Students with Disabilities
Only 10% to 15% of students with disabilities have disabilities that require different achievement standards. This brief recommends: setting high college and career expectations for students with disabilities, limiting the number of diploma options, identifying multiple rigorous paths to a diploma, identifying diploma options for the few students with significant cognitive disabilities, and researching the impact of state graduation requirements on student outcomes. (National Center on Educational Outcomes and Achieve)

Federal Voucher Program Found Lacking
The District of Columbia Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation (the Trust) is charged with providing information to prospective and current families of children about the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship (voucher) Program (OSP). The GAO found information about participating schools disseminated by the Trust to be untimely and incomplete. Further, its internal controls did
not provide effective oversight of OSP, there were weaknesses in the Trust's database, and it was years behind in submitting mandatory financial reports. (GAO Highlights)

Readiness Assessment, Transition Curricula in Four States
Initiatives to implement college readiness assessments and transition curricula vary across states. This report describes those initiatives in California, New York, Tennessee, and West Virginia, then compares interventions nationally. Authors recommend strong collaboration between high schools and higher education institutions, as well as legislation to build support and momentum. Program designers need to weigh competing priorities concerning goals, populations served, and course content. (Community College Research Center)

New Look at College Student Engagement
The 15th annual survey of student engagement is an updated model documenting aspects of undergraduate programs that pay in terms of learning, retention, persistence, and completion. New measures reveal differences in majors; for example, arts and humanities seniors experienced the highest levels of effective teaching practices, while engineering seniors observed the lowest. Another factoid: online students spent more hours per week preparing for class and reading assignments than traditional students, and were more likely to report their classes were highly challenging. (Indiana Center for Postsecondary Research)

Data for Action
A new analysis of 49 states and the District of Columbia finds states have made great progress in their use of education data, shifting their vision from collection for compliance to effective use in the statehouse, in the district office, and in the classroom. While states have more capacity to use secure information, they need to concentrate on using the right data to answer the right questions to improve student success. This is the ninth version of an annual look at states' use of data and for the first time two states -- Arkansas and Delaware -- have achieved all of the Data Quality Campaign's 10 Actions to Ensure Effective Data Use.

November 27, 2013

New From ECS

Engineering Innovation in Northeastern Minnesota (STEM)
Everybody wins when local youth can attend engineering school closer to home, when local industries support the school and its students, and when those industries get engineers who, upon graduation, already are trained because their third and fourth years are spent not in a classroom, but on industry projects. The school is Iron Range Engineering, and it is garnering attention worldwide.

What States Are Doing

New Jersey Website to Assist Teachers, Parents
New Jersey launched a website recently that will allow teachers to search for, download, and contribute to a massive inventory of lesson plans, assessment items, homework assignments, and other educational resources. Videos, classroom activities, slideshows, curriculum guides, quizzes, and tests are included. Parents can access the same resources to help their children at home, but they will not be able to upload or rate materials. The new website is aligned to the Common Core and New Jersey’s Core Curriculum Content Standards and also includes science and social studies.
Collaboration for Access, Affordability, and Excellence

Six recommendations to increase access and affordability as well as to better serve students have been voted on by the Board of Trustees for the 31 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Calling for greater collaboration, the recommendations are intended to 1) increase the success of all learners, especially those in diverse populations; 2) develop collaborative planning that advances affordability, transfer, and access; 3) certify student competencies and accelerate degree completion through credit for prior learning; 4) expand technology use; 5) deliver workplace solutions; and 6) redesign financial and administrative models to reward collaboration, drive efficiencies, and strengthen access to higher education.

Green Zone Initiative

Nevada is marshalling all resources in wellness, education, and employment for the veterans it has and those it hopes to attract. Called the Green Zone Initiative (GZI), its intent is to coordinate state, federal, and nonprofit service providers, close service gaps, and end duplication of services. In education, the objective is to give service members, veterans, and their families access to high-quality higher education programs and to ensure they have the financial means to attend the state’s colleges, universities, and other degree-producing institutions of higher learning. Once enacted, GZI will be augmented by a social networking community where information can be shared by veterans and providers.

Good Reads

Higher Education and Western Legislatures

For the first time in years, revenues have increased to the point that some states were able to appropriate more money for higher education. This brief on legislative activity in the West also highlights such issues as performance funding, college affordability, in-state tuition for undocumented students, guns on campus, and state authorization of online education. (WICHE)

Career and Technical Education Participation Declines

The average number of Career and Technical Education (CTE) credits earned by public high school graduates declined from 1990 to 2009, from 4.2 to 3.6 credits, while the number of credits earned in other areas -- English, math, science, and social studies -- increased, according to this report. However, within occupational CTE, some areas saw increased participation: communications and design, health care, public services, and consumer and culinary services. Meanwhile, participation in business, manufacturing, computer and information sciences, engineering technologies, and repair and transportation dropped. (NCES)

Algebra and Its Partner Called Support

Blending use of a conventional algebra textbook with tutoring software -- Cognitive Tutor Algebra I -- resulted in an overall increase in achievement equivalent to moving from the 50th percentile to the 58th. In a study which looked at algebra students in 73 high schools and 74 middle schools in seven states, improvements occurred in the second year perhaps because teachers and schools needed time to implement CTAI effectively. The cost was about $70 more per student than a traditional textbook algebra course. (Rand)

Considering Teaching

Anticipating a teacher shortage -- especially of teachers of color, male teachers, science, and math -- this Statistics in Brief compared four groups of bachelor’s degree recipients from 2007-08 and found that the representation of males and Black and Hispanic graduates was higher among those who considered teaching but didn’t teach prior to graduation or after graduation. The highest proportion of STEM majors did not consider teaching. College graduates who taught before or after graduation
earned higher annual incomes in 2009 and reported higher job satisfaction than those who considered or who prepared for teaching but didn't teach. (National Center for Education Statistics)

**Assistance with Looming College Applications**
College application deadlines are looming, so here are tips on successful application and enrollment from a trustworthy source. States could promote these practice guides to inspire counselors and help college-bound students and their families navigate financial aid, exams, applications, and remain enrolled in high school. (What Works Clearinghouse)

**Incremental Progress with School Improvement Grants**
The U.S. Department of Education released an analysis of the School Improvement Grant (SIG) program this week, finding that -- on average -- schools of all levels demonstrated increases or constant proficiency rates since receiving the grants. However, 30% to 38% of the schools exhibited declines in proficiency (see graph, page 3). (U.S. Department of Education)

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Solène Hilary et Alexandra Louvet. *L'attractivité des académies pour les enseignants du second degré public en 2012.* Note d'information, n° 13.21, octobre 2013


Catherine Valette. *Augmentation du nombre de candidats aux concours de recrutement de personnels enseignants du second degré public en 2012.* Note d'information, N° 13.23, octobre 2013

Claudine Pirus. *Orientation en fin de troisième : une procédure marquée par de fortes disparités scolaires et sociales.* Note d'information, N° 13.24, novembre 2013

Le déroulement de la procédure d'orientation en fin de troisième reste marqué par de fortes disparités scolaires et sociales

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Robert Rakocvic. *Langues étrangères à l'école en Europe : un cadre commun de référence et une diversité de pratiques.* Note d'information, n° 13.25, novembre 2013

"La France suit la tendance des pays européens à introduire de plus en plus précocement l'apprentissage d'une première langue étrangère à l'école, généralement l'anglais. Les comparaisons internationales du réseau Eurydice montrent que les enseignants français passent plus de temps que leurs homologues européens dans les pays des langues enseignées, que ce soit en vacances ou pour se former."

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L'évolution des pratiques enseignantes est au cœur des préoccupations de nombreuses recherches en sciences de l'éducation et en EIAH. Les pédagogies actives proposées depuis de nombreuses années peinent à s'intégrer à l'enseignement formel en milieu scolaire, notamment les démarches d'investigation, la résolution de problèmes, l'apprentissage par projet et l'apprentissage par le jeu. Ce papier s'intéresse à la manière dont les enseignants peuvent introduire les jeux dans leur pratique usuelle et tente de dégager les éléments d'un modèle d'adoption. Les deux questions de recherche auxquelles nous tentons de répondre ici sont : (1) quelles sont les questions qui se posent à un enseignant qui introduit des jeux dans sa classe ? et (2) quel processus d'adoption peut-on observer chez des enseignants introduisant un jeu dans leur classe pour la première fois ? Les jeux étudiés ici ont une composante numérique plus ou moins présente, allant des jeux vidéo au scenario pédagogique intégrant une courte phase de jeu médiatisé. Cet article propose une grille de questions élaborées à partir d'une revue de la littérature et d'une série d'entretiens, ainsi qu'un modèle d'adoption basé sur la théorie de la diffusion de l'innovation de Rogers et une étude de cas. Nous terminons sur quelques perspectives en ce qui concerne l'accompagnement des enseignants dans le processus d'adoption d'une pédagogie par le jeu.

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Olivier Rey. PISA : savoir regarder au delà de l'effet palmarès. 26 novembre 2013


"La prévention du décrochage scolaire est un phénomène qui n’épargne aucun système éducatif et son coût financier, social et humain est particulièrement élevé. L’Europe s’est engagée sur un objectif de réduction du taux moyen des "sorties précoces" à 10% en 2020. Les causes du décrochage, largement connues et partagées, sont multifactorielles et leur combinaison en système rend leur traitement complexe. L’institution elle-même doit assumer ses propres responsabilités dans la persistance et le développement du phénomène.

S’il existe plusieurs mesures du décrochage qui produisent des données non identiques, celles-ci sont convergentes et marquent son importance. Les concepts méritent d’être clarifiés pour mieux fonder les politiques et assurer la prise en charge des décrochés actuels. Le dispositif des réseaux formation qualification emploi (FOQUALE) de l’éducation nationale qui s’articule avec le système interministériel d’échange d’information (SIEI) devrait y contribuer. Mais la démarche de prévention est essentielle, et les moyens de la mission de lutte contre le décrochage scolaire (MLDS) doivent être redéployés dans ce sens.

Absentéisme et décrochage sont souvent l’expression d’un rejet des apprentissages. Jusqu’à présent les réponses proposées ont généralement externalisé la prise en charge des décrochés dans des dispositifs de raccrochage, très dépendants de financements non pérennes, alors que tout se joue dans la classe et dans l’établissement. En se fondant sur des approches pédagogiques vigilantes et des alliances éducatives autour de l’élève et de sa famille, une prévention plus efficace du décrochage doit être menée."
Thierry Chanier. *OpenData : au-delà des publications, le partage des données de la recherche en sciences humaines. Pour qui ? Comment ?.* Clermont Ferrand : Laboratoire de Recherche sur le Langage, Université de Clermont Ferrand, novembre 2013

"Le monde universitaire est producteur de données de différentes natures. L’ouverture et le partage de chaque type de données introduit des problématiques spécifiques. Cette variété s’explique en premier lieu par les situations particulières qui ont gouverné leur création. Mais les enjeux d’utilisation, par les communautés universitaires, les communautés de chercheurs ou la société en général, diffèrent aussi suivant chaque type de données. Nous évoquerons brièvement un premier type de données, celles pédagogiques, en lien avec le mouvement en accès libre intitulé Open Educational Ressources (OER). Le second type de données, cette fois faisant partie du résultat de la recherche, concerne les publications. Notre communication rappellera brièvement, afin de mieux les distinguer du dernier type de données, les contraintes particulières qui ont motivé le développement de l’accès libre (open access) aux publications, les différentes voies suivies, l’état actuel après plus de 10 ans d’existence.

L’essentiel de notre propos sera consacré au partage des données de la recherche, qui peuvent ou non être reliées aux publications. Nous décrirons les motivations de ce mouvement OpenData, les enjeux pour les chercheurs, les conditions particulières de mise à disposition que devront avoir ces données pour être réellement OpenData. Nous évoquerons enfin les transformations profondes du métier de chercheur qui peuvent en résulter, en nous appuyant sur des exemples provenant principalement des sciences humaines."


"Cette communication interroge la mise en place de la réforme des rythmes scolaires en France. Ces nouveaux rythmes vont-ils contribuer à donner plus de souplesse au fonctionnement de l’école ou, au contraire, produire des effets non escomptés en enfermant les acteurs dans un cadre plus contraignant ? Le morcellement du temps éducatif avec ses différentes composantes (accueil périscolaire, temps d’enseignement, temps d’activités périscolaires, APC etc.) et la multiplicité des intervenants peut-être perçu comme un risque pour la continuité éducative. Par ailleurs, les intérêts divergents des acteurs et le contexte politique particulier peuvent être considérés comme des obstacles à la généralisation future de la réforme."


Extrait : "La recherche que nous présentons ici part du principe qu’il ne peut y avoir d’apprentissage sans supports pédagogiques matériels. Ces supports guident le travail de lecture et d’écriture des élèves. L’enseignant dispose dans la façon de les utiliser d’une marge de jeu qui, sans être négligeable, est loin d’être illimitée. Notre objectif n’était pas de mesurer la compétence propre des enseignants et leur habileté distinctive dans l’usage de cette marge de jeu (on reviendra ci-après sur la question des « effets-maîtres »), mais d’évaluer ce qu’on pourrait appeler le « rendement pédagogique moyen » des systèmes d’apprentissage, tels que les manuels les mettent en œuvre sous telle ou telle forme."

Steve Jefferys, Janroj Keles, Nick Clark & Sylvie Contrepois (dir.). *Precarious work amongst students in Europe (PRESTUDE).* Working Lives Research Institute (WLRI) at London Metropolitan University ; 12/2012
Researchers at the Working Lives Research Institute (WLRI) at London Metropolitan University are conducting a study across 7 member states (Czech Republic, France, Italy, Spain, Poland, Latvia and UK) to find out what sort of paid work is undertaken by students during their studies, and to what extent it could be described as “precarious”. The research is funded by the European Commission (DG Employment) under Agreement Number VS/2011/0505, as part of a programme looking at how precarious work might be converted into work with better rights.

Among other issues, the Commission is interested in projects which analyse the economic significance, causes and effects of precarious work, and the extent to which it contributes to the flexibility of the labour market. They are also concerned to see analysis of “Measures and incentives aimed at enabling the transformation of precarious employment relationships into contracts carrying more social rights, including the collective representation of workers”.

Les rapports des pays participants sont disponibles en ligne :
- Royaume Uni (12 pages)
- France (17 pages)
- Italie (22 pages)
- Lettonie (15 pages)
- Pologne (16 pages)
- Espagne (12 pages)
- République Tchèque (7 pages)

AGBODJOGBE Basile Djessounounkon. L’implémentation des nouveaux programmes par compétences au Bénin : des textes officiels aux pratiques d’enseignement : analyses didactiques en éducation physique et sportive et en sciences de la vie et de la terre en classe de 5ème. Thèse en Sciences de l’éducation, soutenue en 2013, sous la dir. de Chantal AMADE-ESCOT (Université de Toulouse 2-Le Mirail)


GOIRAND Stéphanie. La production d’une adhésion "relative" à une nouvelle politique sociale : le cas du dispositif de Réussite éducative à Toulouse de 2006 à 2009. Thèse en Sociologie, démographie, soutenue en 2012, sous la dir. de Vincent SIMOULIN (Université de Toulouse 2-Le Mirail)

« Cette thèse montre comment une politique socioéducative locale, déployée à la croisée de plusieurs secteurs publics (éducatif, social, santé, loisir,...) et révélatrice de l’évolution actuelle des modes d’intervention sociale (individualisation, activation, contractualisation,...), est appropriée,
construite et transformée par les acteurs de terrain, ainsi que dans l'interaction avec les usagers. À partir de l'étude du dispositif de Réussite éducative à Toulouse de 2006 à 2009, ce travail de recherche met en exergue les différentes phases qui ont balisé l'intégration et la structuration de cette nouvelle action publique sociale locale. D'une réception critique de la part des professionnels socioéducatifs locaux à une acceptation et une mobilisation progressives, nos investigations montrent comment les acteurs locaux ont contribué à transformer ce dispositif en une politique "palliative" et présentiste afin de répondre aux carences, aux dysfonctionnements du système socioéducatif local. C'est alors une adhésion "relative" à cette nouvelle politique publique que nous observons, dans le sens où les réticences exprimées au départ par les acteurs ne disparaissent pas, mais sont mises de côté compte tenu des besoins existants et de l'urgence des situations. Les acteurs ne sont pas dupes des tentatives de modification du système et continuent à y résister en cherchant à instrumentaliser le dispositif. Toutefois, l'adhésion, si relative soit-elle, finit par ouvrir progressivement la voie du changement sous l'effet de la création d'une succession de dispositifs, dont la Réussite éducative fait partie, qui tendent à promouvoir un nouveau paradigme social. »

Franck Piot. Travailler pour des particuliers : essor des métiers de la garde d’enfants. INSEE première, N°1472 - novembre 2013
Entre 2008 et 2012, le revenu annuel moyen des salariés de particuliers a augmenté de 10 % en euros constants. Cette hausse traduit celle du nombre d’assistantes maternelles ; ces dernières touchent les rémunérations les plus importantes et les plus dynamiques. Les revenus des gardes d’enfants à domicile, dont les effectifs progressent également, baissent fortement, car leur durée moyenne de travail se replie.
En 2011, les salariés de particuliers ont perçu en moyenne 5 200 euros au cours de l’année. Les assistantes maternelles ont touché un revenu presque deux fois plus important (10 200 euros).
Pour un tiers des salariés, l’emploi auprès de particuliers est secondaire ; il apporte un complément de revenu annuel de 1 800 euros en 2011.

Thomas Morin, Laurence Jaluzot, Sébastien Picard. Femmes et hommes face à la violence : les femmes sont plus souvent victimes d’un proche ou de leur conjoint. INSEE Première, n°1473, novembre 2013
En 2010 ou 2011, 2,2 millions de personnes de 18 à 75 ans ont subi des violences physiques ou sexuelles. Les hommes sont beaucoup moins souvent que les femmes victimes de viols et d’autres atteintes sexuelles. Les jeunes adultes et les parents de familles monoparentales sont plus exposés à toutes les formes de violences. Pour un homme sur deux victime de violence, l’auteur est un inconnu. À l’opposé, les trois quarts des femmes victimes de violence connaissent leur agresseur. Notamment, pour plus de 30 % d’entre elles, il s’agit du conjoint ou de l’ex-conjoint. Ces violences conjugales sont rarement suivies de plaintes, en particulier lorsqu’il s’agit d’agressions à caractère sexuel.

L’enquête sur l’usage de l’information dans la vie quotidienne, réalisée en 2011, apporte des résultats régionaux pour cinq régions de France métropolitaine (Haute-Normandie, Île-de-France, Nord - Pas-de-Calais, Picardie et Provence - Alpes - Côte d’Azur). Si la fréquence des situations préoccupantes à l’écrit varie relativement peu d’une région à l’autre, les profils des personnes en difficulté à l’écrit apparaissent néanmoins bien différents. En Île-de-France, c’est l’immigration récente qui en explique une partie. En Picardie, ce sont les hommes qui sont particulièrement touchés. En Haute-Normandie, le niveau d’études a moins d’impact sur la compréhension écrite. En Nord - Pas-de- Calais et en Provence - Alpes - Côte d’Azur, le fort poids du chômage est en partie cause et conséquence des difficultés face à l’écrit.


- **Face à la crise, le diplôme protège du chômage et favorise l’accès à la formation continue**
  Daniel Martinelli, Claude Minni
  Le niveau de formation des jeunes a beaucoup progressé au cours des années 1990, suite à une forte hausse du nombre de bacheliers et à des poursuites d'études massives dans le supérieur.

- **Origine et insertion des jeunes sans diplôme**
  Béatrice Le Rhun, Daniel Martinelli, Claude Minni, Isabelle Recotillet
  La part des jeunes sortant de formation initiale sans diplôme s’est stabilisée autour de 17 % depuis le milieu des années 1990. Ces jeunes sont plus souvent que les autres issus de milieux défavorisés...

- **Les défis des demandeurs d’emploi face à la formation professionnelle : accéder aux formations et s’insérer**
  Johanne Aude, Patrick Pommier
  Selon une enquête réalisée en 2012, les personnes qui sont au chômage ont moins fréquemment

- **Fiches thématiques - L’école et ses sortants - Formations et emploi - Insee Références - Édition 2013**
  6 fiches : Durée de scolarisation - Niveau de formation - Diplômes de l’enseignement supérieur - Apprentis en formation - Cumul emploi-études - Éducation, comparaisons européennes...

- **Fiches thématiques - L’insertion des jeunes - Formations et emploi - Insee Références - Édition 2013**
  13 fiches : Jeunes actifs de 15 à 29 ans - Chômage en phase d'insertion professionnelle - Sous-emploi - Statuts des emplois - Jeunes dans les emplois aidés - Catégories socioprofessionnelles

- **Fiches thématiques - La formation tout au long de la vie - Formations et emploi - Insee Références - Édition 2013**
Credit Constraints and the Racial Gap in Post-Secondary Education in South Africa
David Lam ; Cally Ardington ; Nicola Branson ; Murray Leibbrandt
This paper analyzes the impact of high school household income and scholastic ability on post-secondary enrollment in South Africa. Using longitudinal data from the Cape Area Panel Study (CAPS), we analyze the large racial gaps in the proportion of high school graduates who enroll in university and other forms of post-secondary education. Our results indicate that family background and high school achievement (measured by a literacy and numeracy exam and performance on the grade 12 matriculation exam) are strong predictors of post-secondary enrollment and statistically account for all of the black-white difference in enrollment. Controlling for parental education and baseline scholastic ability reduces the estimated impact of household income on university enrollment, though there continues to be an effect at the top of the income distribution. We also find evidence of credit constraints on non-university forms of post-secondary enrollment. Counterfactual estimates indicate that if all South Africans had the incomes of the richest whites, African university enrollment would increase by 65%, even without changing parental education or high school academic achievement. The racial gap in university enrollment would narrow only slightly, however as our results suggest that this gap in postsecondary enrollment results mainly from the large racial gap in high school academic achievement.

Analyzing Zero Returns to Education in Germany – Heterogeneous Effects and Skill Formation
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We analyze the effect of education on wages using German Socio-Economic Panel data and regional variation in mandatory years of schooling and the supply of schools. This allows us to estimate more than one local average treatment effect and heterogeneous effects for different groups of compliers. Our results are in line with previous studies that do not find an effect of compulsory schooling on wages in Germany. We go beyond these studies and test a potential reason for it, namely that basic skills are learned earlier in Germany and additional years of schooling are not effective anymore. This is done by also estimating the effect of education on cognitive skills. The results suggest that education after the eighth year does not seem to have a causal effect on cognitive skills in Germany. This is consistent with the explanation for zero effects of schooling on earnings.

Tracking in the Tracks Understanding Inequality Patterns in the Italian Public Schooling System
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We study whether – beyond an EU-style tracking separating students in general versus vocational curricula – the Italian highly centralized public schooling is characterized by an implicit US-style tracking system separating students by ability within the same track. We pursue this aim by using administrative data on a standardized admission test at the School of Economics in Turin. We proxy students’ ability with the test score and check whether students across schools within the same track
are stratified by ability and household income. Our findings strongly suggest that the inequality patterns common in Italian schooling are affected by both types of tracking.

**A comparison of public and private schools in Spain using robust nonparametric frontier methods**

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This paper uses an innovative approach to evaluate educational performance of Spanish students in PISA 2009. Our purpose is to decompose their overall inefficiency between different components with a special focus on studying the differences between public and state subsidized private schools. We use a technique inspired by the non-parametric Free Disposal Hull (FDH) and the application of robust order-m models, which allow us to mitigate the influence of outliers and the curse of dimensionality. Subsequently, we adopt a metafrontier framework to assess each student relative to the own group best practice frontier (students in the same school) and to different frontiers constructed from the best practices of different types of schools. The results show that state-subsidised private schools outperform public schools, although the differences between them are significantly reduced once we control for the type of students enrolled in both type of centres.

**Incentives and teacher effort: further evidence from a developing country**

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Few would contest that teachers are a very important determinant of whether students learn in school. Yet, in the face of compelling evidence that many students are not learning what they are expected to learn, how to improve teacher performance has been the focus of much policy debate in rich and poor countries. This paper examines how incentives, both pecuniary and non-pecuniary, influence teacher effort. Using school survey data from Lao PDR, it estimates new measures of teacher effort, including the number of hours that teachers spend preparing for classes and teacher provision of private tutoring classes outside class hours. The estimation results indicate that teachers increase effort in response to non-pecuniary incentives, such as greater teacher autonomy over teaching materials, and monitoring mechanism, such as the existence of an active parent-teacher association and the ability of school principals to dismiss teachers. Methodologically, the paper provides a detailed derivation of a simultaneous ordinary least squares-probit model with school random effects that can jointly estimate teacher work hours and tutoring provision.

**Why Should Business Education Care About Care? Toward an Educare Perspective**

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This article considers the potential contribution of care ethics in business education through the lens of a new perspective, called "educare." This paper will first give a definition of educare as a pedagogical strategy which aims to make all students free to care. We will then look at why the educare strategy is relevant for business ethics education, given the intense challenges it is presently facing. Lastly, we will see how educare could be implemented effectively through service-learning.

**A Randomized Controlled Trial of Teaching Methods: Do Classroom Experiments Improve Economic Education in High Schools?**

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We present results from a field experiments at Swiss high schools in which we compare the effectiveness of teaching methods in economics. We randomly assigned classes into an experimental
and a conventional teaching group, or a control group that received no specific instruction. Both of our teaching treatments improve economic understanding considerably while effect sizes are almost identical. However, student ability crucially affects learning outcomes as more able students seem to benefit disproportionately from classroom experiments while weaker students lose out. Supplemental data indicates that our experimental treatment crowded out time for adequately discussing the subject, which may have limited less able students to generate a profound understanding. Furthermore there is no robust impact of economic training on social preferences, measured as both individual behavior in incentivized decisions or political opinions.

**Applying the Capability Approach to the French Education System: An Assessment of the "Pourquoi pas moi ?"**

André, Kévin (ESSEC Business School)

This paper attempts to re-examine the notion of equality, going beyond the classic opposition in France between affirmative action and meritocratic equality. Hence, we propose shifting the French debate about equality of opportunities in education to the question of how to raise equality of capability. In this paper we propose an assessment based on the capability approach of a mentoring programme called 'Une grande école: pourquoi pas moi?' ('A top-level university: why not me?') (PQPM) launched in 2002 by a top French business school. The assessment of PQPM is based on the pairing of longitudinal data available for 324 PQPM students with national data. Results show that the 'adaptive preferences' of the PQPM students change through a process of empowerment. Students adopt new 'elitist' curricula but feel free to follow alternative paths.

**Spillover Effects of Studying with Immigrant Students: A Quantile Regression Approach**

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We analyze how the share of immigrant children in the classroom affects the educational attainment of native Dutch children in terms of their language and math performance at the end of primary school. Our paper studies the spillover effects at different parts of the test score distribution of native Dutch students using a quantile regression approach. We find no evidence of negative spillover effects of the classroom presence of immigrant children at the median of the test score distribution. In addition, there is no indication that these spillover effects are present at other parts of the distribution.

**The choice to enrol in a small university: A case study of Piemonte Orientale**

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In the recent past, expectations concerning universities have emphasized their active role in enhancing economic and regional development. The universities in geographical areas suffering from structural problems are particularly required to play this role. Moreover, the correlation between the socioeconomic status (and the education) of parents and that of their adult offspring is positive and significant, in both the statistical and practical senses. This paper investigates the experience of a small Italian University (Piemonte Orientale 'Amedeo Avogadro'), in order to evaluate its role in human capital accumulation, necessary to economic development. The aim of this article is to verify whether this small university satisfies a specific demand which would never be satisfied by a larger university. We found important role of small Universities in the human capital accumulation in the recruitment basin, a phenomenon with medium and long term implications. The empirical results show that the representative graduate student of Piemonte Orientale is characterized by modest
parental socioeconomic conditions and education. Its demographic recruitment basin is a specific and well defined geographical area. These factors have a positive impact on the choice of enrolment (Piemonte Orientale versus other Universities). The choice is modelled by a probit (logit) binary outcomes model using the Almalaurea cross-section sample on graduates in year 2008. We also update the dataset and re-estimate the models in order to verify the robustness of empirical results and to identify changes in the representative student, using the Almalaurea cross-section sample on graduates for year 2010. The crucial role of the modest socioeconomic background and the low mobility of the students are confirmed. The 2010 analysis does not confirm a result for year 2008, i.e. that a poor performance in secondary school increases the probability to choose Piemonte Orientale vs larger and well established universities: the result underlines a positive evolution of this small university recruitment performance.

Supplementary Education in Turkey: Recent Developments and Future Prospects
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Purpose: This paper aims to provide the recent developments on the supplementary education system in Turkey. The national examinations for advancing to higher levels of schooling are believed to fuel the demand for Supplementary Education Centers (SEC). Further, we aim to understand the distribution of the SECs and of the secondary schools across the provinces of Turkey in order to evaluate the spatial equity considerations. Design/Methodology/Approach: The evolution of the SECs and of the secondary schools over time are described and compared. The provincial distribution of the SECs, secondary schools and the high school age population are compared. The characteristics of these distributions are evaluated to inform the about spatial equity issues. The distribution of high school age population that attend secondary schools and the distribution of the secondary school students that attend SECs across the provinces are compared. Findings: The evidence points out to significant provincial variations in various characteristics of SECs and the secondary schools. The distribution of the SECs is more unequal than that of the secondary schools. The provinces located mostly in the east and south east of the country have lower quality SECs and secondary schools. Further, the SEC participation among the secondary school students and the secondary school participation among the relevant age group are lower in some of the provinces indicating major disadvantages. Originality/Value: The review of the most recent developments about the SECs, examination and comparison of provincial distributions of the SECs and of the secondary schools are novelties in this paper.

Can free provision reduce demand for public services? evidence from Kenyan education
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In 2003 Kenya abolished user fees in all government primary schools. Analysis of household survey data shows this policy contributed to a shift in demand away from free schools, where net enrollment stagnated after 2003, toward fee-charging private schools, where both enrollment and fee levels grew rapidly after 2003. These shifts had mixed distributional consequences. Enrollment by poorer households increased, but segregation between socio-economic groups also increased. The shift in demand toward private schooling was driven by more affluent households who (i) paid higher ex ante fees and thus experienced a larger reduction in school funding, and (ii) appear to have exited public schools partially in reaction to increased enrollment by poorer children.

We examine the middle-run effects of the Global Fund’s malaria control programs on the educational attainment of primary schoolchildren in Sub-Saharan Africa. Using a quasi-experimental approach, we exploit geographic variation in pre-campaign malaria prevalence (malaria ecology) and variation in exogenous exposure to the timing and expenditure of malaria control campaigns, based on individuals’ years of birth and year surveyed. In a large majority of countries (14 of 22), we find that the program led to substantial increases in years of schooling and grade level as well as reductions in schooling delay. Moreover, although by and large positive, we find that the marginal returns of the Global Fund disbursements in terms of educational outcomes are decreasing. Our findings, which are robust to both the instrumentation of ecology and use of alternative ecology measures, have important policy implications on the value for money of malaria control efforts.

**Labor Market Effects of Adult Education Vouchers: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment**
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Lifelong learning is often promoted in ageing societies, but little is known about its returns or governments’ ability to advance it. This paper evaluates the effects of a large-scale randomized field experiment issuing vouchers for adult education in Switzerland. We find no significant average effects of voucher-induced adult education on earnings, employment, and subsequent education one year after treatment. But effects are heterogeneous: Low-education individuals are most likely to profit from adult education, but least likely to use the voucher. The findings cast doubt on the effectiveness of existing unrestricted voucher programs in promoting labor market outcomes through adult education.

**Value Added and Contextual Factors in Education: Evidence from Chilean Schools**
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There is consensus in the literature about the need to control for socioeconomic status and other contextual variables at student and school level in the estimation of value added models, for which methodologies rely on hierarchical linear models. However, this approach is problematic because the nature of their estimate is a comparison with a school mean, implying no real incentive for performance excellence. Meanwhile, activity analysis models recently developed to estimate school value added have been unable to control for contextual variables. We propose a robust frontier model to estimate contextual value added which integrates recent advances in the activity analysis literature. We provide an application to a sample of schools in Chile, where reforms have been made in the educational system focusing on the need for accountability measures. Results indicate the general relevance of including contextual variables, and explain the performance differentials found for the three school types.

**Public Education Spending, Sectoral Taxation and Growth**
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This paper examines the interplay between public education expenditure and economic growth in a two-sector model. We reveal that agents’ preferences for services, education and savings play a major role in the relationship between growth and public education expenditures, as long as production is taxed at a different rate in each sector.

Returns to Foreign Language Skills in a Developing Country: The Case of Turkey
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Foreign language skills represent a form of human capital that can be rewarded in the labor market. Drawing on data from the Adult Education Survey of 2007, this is the first study estimating returns to foreign language skills in Turkey. We contribute to the literature on the economic value of language knowledge, with a special focus on a country characterized by fast economic and social development. Although English is the most widely spoken foreign language in Turkey, we initially consider the economic value of different foreign languages among the employed males aged 25 to 65. We find positive and significant returns to proficiency in English and Russian, which increase with the level of competence. Knowledge of French and German also appears to be positively rewarded in the Turkish labor market, although their economic value seems mostly linked to an increased likelihood to hold specific occupations rather than increased earnings within occupations. Focusing on English, we also explore the heterogeneity in returns to different levels of proficiency by frequency of English use at work, birth-cohort, education, occupation and rural/urban location. The results are also robust to the endogenous specification of English language skills.

Assessing the impact of blended learning on student performance
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This paper assesses quantitatively the impact on student performance of a blended learning experiment within a large undergraduate first year course in statistics for business and economics students. We employ a differences-in-difference econometric approach, which controls for differences in student characteristics and course delivery method, to evaluate the impact of blended learning on student performance. Although students in the course manifest a preference for live lectures over online delivery, our empirical analysis strongly suggests that student performance is not affected (either positively or negatively) by the introduction of blended learning.

The creation of the national educational system of Uzbekistan and establishment of bilateral educational relations with leading European countries
Mamajonov, Nuriddin
Education, Capacity Building, Uzbekistan, International Development, International Relations/Trade, Political Economy, Teaching/Communication/Extension/Profession

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We find that over the period 1950–1990, states in United States absorbed increases in the supply of schooling due to tighter compulsory schooling and child labor laws mostly through within-industry
increases in the schooling intensity of production. Shifts in the industry composition towards more schooling-intensive industries played a less important role. To try and understand this finding theoretically, we consider a free trade model with two goods/industries, two skill types, and many regions that produce a fixed range of differentiated varieties of the same goods. We find that a calibrated version of the model can account for shifts in schooling supply being mostly absorbed through within-industry increases in the schooling intensity of production even if the elasticity of substitution between varieties is substantially higher than estimates in the literature.

Potencial de Convergência Regional em Educação no Brasil
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Este estudo analisa fatores que afetam as desigualdades educacionais entre e dentro de regiões do Brasil, com foco em determinar como diferenças de características das populações e a forma diferenciada como essas características se distribuem influenciam resultados educacionais em cada região do país. Para isso, é analisada a população de jovens de 14 a 17 anos, em todo o Brasil, a partir de dados da Pesquisa Nacional por Amostra de Domicílios (PNAD). Por meio da decomposição da desigualdade entre efeitos de atributos observados, respostas observadas a esses atributos e resíduos das regressões lineares de predição da educação, conclui-se que, para explicar desigualdades entre e intrarregionais, as respostas aos atributos são mais importantes que diferenças nas distribuições de atributos. Há, portanto, a possibilidade de se reverter uma parte da desigualdade educacional por meio de políticas educacionais que promovam uma convergência regional na direção das regiões em melhores condições. We analyze the factors determining educational inequalities within and between regions in Brazil. We are interested in how characteristics and the return to these characteristics in each region affect educational outcomes. For this we analyze the population of people aged 14 to 17 years in Brazil using PNAD data. By decomposing inequality in the effect of observed attributes, return to these attributes and residuals from the linear regressions used for prediction, we conclude that differences in the returns to the attributes are more important to inequality than differences in the distributions of attributes. Therefore, it is possible to reduce at least part of regional inequalities by means of educational policies if education in the worst off regions improves in the direction of the better off regions.

Determinants of transition from secondary education to teacher education in Flanders.
Janssens, Barbara ; Smet, Mike
Determinants of the decision to enroll in teacher education. Newly linked administrative data from the ministry of education enable us to consider the transition from secondary to higher education of an entire population cohort of students who graduated from secondary education in the academic year 2004-2005. These data allow tracking individual students during their higher education career from the academic year 2005-2006 until 2011-2012. The data include individual student characteristics, detailed individual enrolment information in secondary education and higher education, a number of secondary school and college or university characteristics, as well as regional socioeconomic indicators. The results show that a number of individual characteristics as well as the socio-economic background of the school leavers are significant covariates in explaining the probability to enroll in teacher education.

From secondary to higher education in Flanders: individual, school and socioeconomic impact on the transition probabilities.
Smet, Mike
In this paper we investigate the transition from secondary school to higher education in Flanders, more specifically the transition of students from technical and vocational education. We used merged administrative databases from the Flemish Department of Education in order to construct a longitudinal dataset, enabling to track individual students from secondary to higher education. We obtained data from the entire population of school leavers from ten study fields in technical and vocational secondary education (n=9991). The data include individual demographic student characteristics, detailed individual enrolment information in secondary education and higher education for four school years, a number of secondary school characteristics as well as regional socioeconomic indicators. These data allow us explain differences in transition probabilities to a 7th year vocational training, college or university and to quantify the impact of the various explanatory variables. Results from logistic regression models indicate that a number of individual pupil characteristics, as well as school level characteristics are significant covariates in explaining transition probabilities to post-secondary education. In addition, the estimation results also show that specific secondary education study fields have a significant impact on the transition rate to higher education.

Open Enrolment and Student Achievement
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We investigate the effects of public school open enrolment, which allows students to enroll in any public school with available space, on fourth grade test scores. We find a small, positive effect on the average student; this benefit appears to stem from increased competition among schools, rather than directly through expanded choice opportunities. Among students whose catchment school is locally top-ranked according to test scores, greater choice is of no direct benefit; however, students whose catchment school is locally lowest-ranked earn higher scores when they have access to better local schools. Students in both groups benefit from increased school competition.

Re-testing PISA Students One Year Later: On School Value Added Estimation Using OECD-PISA
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Thanks to the effort of two local educational authorities, in two regions of North Italy (Valle d'Aosta and the autonomous province of Trento) the PISA 2009 test was re-administered to the same students one year later. This paper is the first to analyse in the OECD-PISA context the potential advantages of re-testing the same students in order to provide better measures of schools' contributions to student achievement. We show that while cross-sectional measures of school value added based on PISA student literacy, which measures "knowledge for life", tend to be very volatile over time whenever there is a high year-to-year attrition in the student population, longitudinal measures of school value added are very robust to student attrition (even without controlling for sample selection). Moreover, persistence in individual test scores tends to be higher in highly "selective" (i.e. high drop-out) school environments.

Spillover Effects of Studying with Immigrant Students: A Quantile Regression Approach
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**Does malaria control impact education? A study of the Global Fund in Africa**

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**The role of merit-based and need-based financial aid: Evidence from Trieste University's grant programs**

Graziosi, Grazia

The aim of this article is to investigate whether the Italian University grants are an effective tool to prevent student drop-out and to favor the degree attainment, both for merit and need-based financial aids. The survey units are Italian students enrolled on a degree course in Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics from 2002/03 until 2007/08 in the University of Trieste. On the one hand, the Regional Agency for the Right to Education offers some grants every year to eligible students from low-income families (rarely related to merit). On the other hand, Fonda Foundation offers some (only) merit-based grants to the best students enrolled in Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics degree courses. In order to estimate the causal effect of receiving a grant, we follow the counterfactual analysis and we match treated and control units using Genetic matching and Coarsened Exact Matching. The results suggest that the income-based financial aids have a positive impact to prevent drop-out at 2nd year, but a nonsignificant effect on graduation time, whereas the merit-based scholarships increase the probability to achieve the degree in the time allotted.

**Analysis of group performance with categorical data when agents are heterogeneous: The case of compulsory education in the OECD**

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This paper analyses the evaluation of the relative performance of a set of groups when their outcomes are defined in terms of categorical data and the groups' members are heterogeneous. This type of problem has been dealt with in Herrero and Villar (2012) for the case of a homogenous
population. Here we expand their model controlling for heterogeneity by means of inverse probability weighting techniques. We apply this extended model to the analysis of compulsory education in the OECD countries, using the data in the PISA. We evaluate the relative performance of the different countries out of the distribution of the students’ achievements across the different levels of competence, controlling by the students’ characteristics (explanatory variables regarding schooling and family environment). We find that differences in reading ability across OECD countries would lower by 35% if their endowment of students’ characteristics would be that for the OECD average.

**Immigrants' Educational Mismatch and the Penalty of Over-Education**

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This paper analyses immigrants' education-occupation mismatch as well as its impact on their wages in Spain. Using cross-sectional data from the National Immigrant Survey of Spain 2007, we estimate a probit model taking into account the possible problem of selection bias. We show that the incidence of immigrants' education-occupation mismatch in the Spanish labour market can largely be explained by the incidence of education-occupation mismatch in the last job held in the home country. The probability of having been over-educated at home shows to have a higher effect on the probability of being over-educated in the first job upon arrival where work experience gained in the home country shows to be highly valued by Spanish employers. In addition, our results show that those who were over-educated in their first job after arrival are more likely to continue in being overeducated in their current/last job in Spain. Furthermore, we analyse the performance of immigrants in Spain by estimating the wage penalty of over-education. Using log wage equation as well as predicted and counterfactual values distinguishing between immigrants being in the correctly matched occupation and those who are over-educated, we show that over-educated immigrants earn significantly lower wage compared to their correctly-matched counterparts, while over-educated immigrants' would have earned an even larger amount if the same individuals were employed in a correctly matched job instead. Significant differences are also apparent when restricting the models to the level of education.

**Why do students leave education early? Theory and evidence on high school dropout rates.**

Cabus, S.; De Witte, Kristof

This paper contributes to the growing literature on school dropout by proposing and empirically testing a theoretical framework on the enrollment decision of youngsters in secondary education. The model relates school dropout to time preferences, motivation, opportunity costs, and policy measures, and is empirically tested on longitudinal data of about 5,000 Dutch vocational students. We evaluate the enrollment decision of students for (1) different intensity levels of dropout prevention policy, and for (2) different levels of economic development. The results indicate that the model can accurately predict actual enrollment rates over the period 2000-2011. Using the model to forecast the level of school dropout in the Netherlands by the year 2020, it is observed that a very strict dropout prevention policy could yield nearly maximum enrollment rates (i.e., 97%) in schools. However, the annual budget for a similar dropout prevention policy is estimated at €574 million or 0.10% of the Dutch GDP.

**Framework for the reform of education systems and planning for quality**

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In 2000, the goal that, by 2015, all children will have access to, and complete, free and compulsory primary education of good quality, was set. Despite the progress in terms of student enrollment and completion, the quality of learning produced in developing countries remains poor. Existing models of education production are inadequate for informing education reform for the purpose of improving school quality, as measured by student learning. Thus, a broader and more integrated approach of policy making is put forward. Building on theory and empirical evidence on what works, the paper puts forward a framework for improving the quality of education. The framework includes six factors: (1) assessment; (2) autonomy; (3) accountability; (4) attention to teachers; (5) attention to early childhood development; and (6) attention to culture. Going forward, there is a need to develop a system of international quality benchmarks drawing on a larger body of evidence. Most importantly, more empirical evidence from impact evaluations is needed.

Female labor force participation and child education in India: The Effect of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme
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The National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) of India mandates 1/3rd of beneficiaries to be women and equal wages across gender. We study its impact on children's educational attainment via women's increased access to labor market opportunities. Using child level panel data, and taking advantage of the temporal, subdistrict level variation in the intensity of implementation of the NREGS, we find that a rise in mother's share in parental NREGS workdays increases school attendance and grade attainment of her children, particularly girls. This impact is over and above any income effect induced by the scheme.

Access to Effective Teaching for Disadvantaged Students.
Eric Isenberg ; Jeffrey Max ; Philip Gleason ; Liz Potamites ; Robert Santillano ; Heinrich Hock ; Michael Hansen

Climate Variability, Child Labour and Schooling: Evidence on the Intensive and Extensive Margin
Jonathan Colmer

How does future income uncertainty affect child labour and human capital accumulation? Using a unique panel dataset, we examine the effect of changes in climate variability on the allocation of time among child labour activities (the intensive margin) as well as participation in education and labour activities (the extensive margin). We find robust evidence that increased climate variability increases the number of hours spent on farming activities while reducing the number of hours spent on domestic chores, indicating a substitution of time across child labour activities. In addition, we find no evidence of climate variability on enrolment decisions or educational outcomes, suggesting that households may spread the burden of labour across children to minimise its impact on formal education.

A Normative Justification of Compulsory Education
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Using a household production model of educational choices, we characterise a free market situation in which some agents ("high-wagers") educate their children full-time and spend a sizable amount of
resources on them, while others ("low-wagers") educate them only partially. The free-market equilibrium is inefficient and iniquitous. Public policy is thus called for: however, redistributive taxation alone is counter-productive, as it forces some agents to move away from full-time education for their kids, and educational price subsidies are only moderately effective, since they only work on the intensive margin. It is instead socially optimal to introduce a compulsory education package, using a redistributive tax system to finance it. Redistributive taxation and compulsory education are therefore best seen as complementary policies.

**University spinoffs and the "Performance Premium".**
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The creation of spinoff companies is often promoted as a desirable mechanism for transferring knowledge and technologies from research organizations to the private sector for commercialization. In the promotion process, policymakers typically treat these “university” spinoffs like industry startups. However, when university spinoffs involve an employment transition by a researcher out of the not-for-profit sector, the creation of a university spinoff is likely to impose a higher social cost than the creation of an industry startup. To offset this higher social cost, university spinoffs must produce a larger stream of social benefits than industry startups, a performance premium. This paper outlines the arguments why the social costs of entrepreneurship are likely to be higher for academic entrepreneurs and empirically investigates the existence of a performance premium using a sample of German startup companies. We find that university spinoffs exhibit a performance premium of 3.4 percentage points higher employment growth over industry startups. The analysis also shows that the performance premium varies across types of academic entrepreneurs and founders’ academic disciplines.

**Economic Benefits of Studying Economics in Canada: A Comparison of Wages of Economics Majors with those in Other Disciplines Circa 2005**
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In universities across many western countries, student enrolments in economics discipline rose sharply towards the end of last decade but not in Canada. One reason for this outcome may be the continued perception of Canadian students of a lower economic reward to an economics degree. Using micro data from the 2006 census, we perform a comparative analysis of the wages earned by university degree holders in 50 disciplines in relation to economics. At undergraduate level, economics majors earned the 9th highest average wage in 2005, after controlling for demographic variables. On average, after controlling for demographic differences, workers whose wages were below those of economics majors earned about 16 percent lower while those who earned above economics majors earned about 10 percent higher. Similarity of their wages with physical science majors and their wage advantage over political science majors are also striking findings of this study. At graduate level, economics majors have greater wage advantage over other disciplines except for the business majors.

**Sensitivity of Teacher Value-Added Estimates to Student and Peer Control Variables.**
Matthew Johnson ; Stephen Lipscomb ; Brian Gill

**Industrial Actions in Schools: Strikes and Student Achievement**
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Many jurisdictions ban teacher strikes on the assumption that they negatively affect student achievement, but there is surprisingly little research on this question. The majority of existing studies make cross section comparisons of the achievement of students who do or do not experience a strike. They conclude that strikes do not have an impact. I present new estimates of this impact of strikes using an empirical strategy that controls for fixed student characteristics at the school cohort level, and a sample of industrial actions by teachers in the province of Ontario. The results indicate that teacher strikes in grades 5 or 6 have negative, statistically significant impact on test score growth between grade 3 and grade 6. The largest impact is on math scores: 29 percent of the standard deviation of test scores across school/grade cohorts.

Returns to Foreign Language Skills in a Developing Country: The Case of Turkey
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Foreign language skills represent a form of human capital that can be rewarded in the labor market. Drawing on data from the Adult Education Survey of 2007, this is the first study estimating returns to foreign language skills in Turkey. We contribute to the literature on the economic value of language knowledge, with a special focus on a country characterized by fast economic and social development. Although English is the most widely spoken foreign language in Turkey, we initially consider the economic value of different foreign languages among the employed males aged 25 to 65. We find positive and significant returns to proficiency in English and Russian, which increase with the level of competence. Knowledge of French and German also appears to be positively rewarded in the Turkish labor market, although their economic value seems mostly linked to an increased likelihood to hold specific occupations rather than increased earnings within occupations. Focusing on English, we also explore the heterogeneity in returns to different levels of proficiency by frequency of English use at work, birth-cohort, education, occupation and rural/urban location. The results are also robust to the endogenous specification of English language skills.

Das "PISA Phänomen": Ein Plädoyer für einen interdisziplinären Ansatz zur Erforschung von Bildungsproduktion im Kontext von Large-Scale-Assessments
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erkenntnisfördernd zu sein, wenn sie interdisziplinär verschiedene sozialwissenschaftliche Perspektiven und Zugänge integriert. Gerade auf diese Weise lassen sich Zusammenhänge und Wechselwirkungen von Prozessen im Bildungsbereich rekonstruieren, die Konvergenzen befördern. Infolgedessen vermittelt ein interdisziplinärer Forschungsansatz ein umfassenderes und genaueres Bild der Folgen internationaler Schulleistungsstudien, als es aus einer isolierten Fachperspektive möglich wäre. -- International comparative studies of student achievement like the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) or the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) demonstrate the strengths and weaknesses of participating countries' education systems. These comparative studies aim to create a measurement for the performance of education systems. Thus, they allow for the quantification and comparison of educational approaches in different countries, regions and types of schools or even individual schools. The present contribution argues for an interdisciplinary perspective on changes of education production induced by PISA and similar studies in order to analyze convergence processes and potential interdependencies in the educational sector. As will be shown, the particular disciplines will, due to their specialized foci, study the various aspects of the research topic in question. After having dealt with PISA and its ramifications for about ten years primarily from a single disciplinary viewpoint it has become necessary to conduct research on a more comprehensive level. Thus an interdisciplinary approach in studying PISA induced changes in education organization and production is essential. If different social-scientific perspectives are integrated, such meta-perspective on the transition processes promises to produce enhanced and deepened knowledge in the relevant research topic. This particular approach helps to reconstruct nexuses and interdependencies of processes fostering convergences in the educational field. Consequently an interdisciplinary assessment can uncover the impact of international comparative school performance studies in the field of education more comprehensively than an isolated disciplinary perspective.

**Does Education Promote Stable Property Rights?**
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This paper sets out to establish an empirical link between education and property rights. The analysis is based on a new index of property rights derived from a set of commonly used indicators. As expected, education has a generally positive impact on property rights. But the relationship is not linear. The effect also depends on level of income. More education might not always be good for property rights in low income countries. Instrumental variable estimation demonstrates that the schooling of the least educated 60 percent population is better identified to measure the impact of human capital on property rights than mean years of schooling. The dynamic panel estimation of the relationship reveals that it takes some time before an increase in the human capital of the least educated 60 percent population bears a positive impact on property right institutions. The independent influence of education on property rights is found to be stronger than that of income in most specifications.

**An analysis of a foundational learning program in BC: the Foundations Workplace Skills Program (FWSP) at Douglas College**
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In this paper, we analyze the workings of a small-scale program involving foundational learning that is targeted at unemployed workers in Surrey, BC by exploiting information contained in the administrative data set that was compiled through its execution. Although this data set contains huge gaps and has a structure that is far from ideal, it contains some information regarding outcomes for the participants and outputs generated by the operations of the program. We investigate three outcomes for the participants of this program, namely i) a return to work, ii) a return to school, and iii) an improvement in the score obtained from a diagnostic test that gauges literacy and essential skills. We also make recommendations in regards to developing a data set that would be suitable for designing and carrying out an evaluation of labour market interventions such as the one covered in this paper.

Incentives for Teacher Relocation: Evidence from the Gambian Hardship Allowance
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We evaluate the impact of the Gambian hardship allowance, which provides a salary premium of 30-40% to primary school teachers in remote locations, on the distribution and characteristics of teachers across schools. A geographic discontinuity in the policy's implementation and the presence of common pre-treatment trends between hardship and non-hardship schools provide sources of identifying variation. We find that the hardship allowance increased the share of qualified (certified) teachers by 10 percentage points. The policy also reduced the pupil-qualified teacher ratio by 27, or 61% of the mean, in recipient schools close to the distance threshold. Further analysis suggests that these gains were not merely the result of teachers switching from non-hardship to hardship schools. With similar policies in place in more than two dozen other developing countries, our study provides an important piece of evidence on their effectiveness.

Towards a Basic Qualification for All in the EU. A Social, Educational and Economic Agenda.
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The reduction of early school leaving (ESL) to less than 10% in all EU member states is one of the headline targets of the Europe 2020 agenda linking ‘smart’ with ‘inclusive’ growth. Following the priorities of the European Commission’s Action Plan against ESL, we will first examine how systemic reforms can help prevent ESL; next, in the sphere of remediation, the system-level determinants of participation in non-formal education as a ‘second chance’ are analysed. To do so, this article explores whether and how differences in ESL correlate with characteristics of the educational system and the general environment in the individual EU countries. Both strategies may contribute to preparing young people better for the knowledge economy. However, as we will demonstrate, the quantitative impact of this approach on social inclusion remains rather marginal in the short and medium term. Therefore, we advocate a large-scale campaign of compensatory adult education, which potentially has a much stronger impact on poverty reduction.

Health and Education: Challenges and Financial Constraints
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Even if both the health and the educational sector are under the state supervision in basically all countries, there are wide differences in the mix of their public/private provision and financing across them. The debate on the proper mix between the private and the public involvement has also been re-enlightened by the recent financial crisis which has stressed many countries’ public finances. The aim of this paper is twofold. On the one hand, it aims at presenting the incentive mechanisms both
for the public and the private sector behind different types of mix between private and public involvement according to the industrial organization design of the health and the educational sector. On the other hand, the paper aims at presenting some recent case studies on Public Private Partnerships in both the health and the educational sector in countries such as the U.K., the U.S.A., and the Netherlands.

**Fostering and Measuring Skills: Interventions That Improve Character and Cognition**
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This paper reviews the recent literature on measuring and boosting cognitive and noncognitive skills. The literature establishes that achievement tests do not adequately capture character skills—personality traits, goals, motivations, and preferences—that are valued in the labor market, in school, and in many other domains. Their predictive power rivals that of cognitive skills. Reliable measures of character have been developed. All measures of character and cognition are measures of performance on some task. In order to reliably estimate skills from tasks, it is necessary to standardize for incentives, effort, and other skills when measuring any particular skill. Character is a skill, not a trait. At any age, character skills are stable across different tasks, but skills can change over the life cycle. Character is shaped by families, schools, and social environments. Skill development is a dynamic process, in which the early years lay the foundation for successful investment in later years. High-quality early childhood and elementary school programs improve character skills in a lasting and cost-effective way. Many of them beneficially affect later-life outcomes without improving cognition. There are fewer long-term evaluations of adolescent interventions, but workplace-based programs that teach character skills are promising. The common feature of successful interventions across all stages of the life cycle through adulthood is that they promote attachment and provide a secure base for exploration and learning for the child. Successful interventions emulate the mentoring environments offered by successful families.

**Institutional Change and Academic Patenting: French Universities and the Innovation Act of 1999.**
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**Reaching for the Stars: Exclusivity in Firm-University Links in the Pharmaceutical Industry.**
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This paper analyzes under which conditions joint basic research with academic ‘star’ scientists improves firms’ technological performance. Using data on 61 of the most R&D intensive firms in the biopharmaceutical sector in 1991-2003, we find that collaboration with academic stars for basic research increases inequality in technological performance across firms, with only the upper tail of the performance distribution benefiting from such partnerships. Further, we find that joint basic research with top academic scientists is more beneficial if the firm and the star also do joint applied work. Finally, we find a dual effect of firms’ exclusive access to academic stars, with a positive impact on technological performance for exclusive access to ‘translational’ stars versus a negative effect for exclusive access to ‘ivory tower’ stars.

**Why Immigrant Background Matters for University Participation: A Comparison of Switzerland and Canada**
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This paper extends our understanding of the difference in university participation between students with and without immigrant backgrounds by contrasting outcomes in Switzerland and Canada, and by the use of new longitudinal data that are comparable between the countries. The research includes family socio-demographic characteristics, family aspirations regarding university education, and the student’s secondary school performance as explanatory variables of university attendance patterns. In Switzerland, compared to students with Swiss-born parents, those with immigrant backgrounds are disadvantaged regarding university participation, primarily due to poor academic performance in secondary school. In comparison, students with immigrant backgrounds in Canada display a significant advantage regarding university attendance, even among some who performed poorly in secondary school. The included explanatory variables can only partly account for this advantage, but family aspirations regarding university attendance play a significant role, while traditional variables such as parental educational attainment are less important. In both countries source region background is important. Possible reasons for the cross-country differences are discussed.

**School inputs and skills: Complementarity and self-productivity**
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Using administrative data on schools in England, we estimate an education production model of cognitive skills at the end of secondary school. We provide empirical evidence of self-productivity of skills and of complementarity between secondary school inputs and skills at the end of primary school. Our inference relies on idiosyncratic variation in school expenditure and child fixed effect estimation that controls for the endogeneity of past skills. The persistence in cognitive ability is 0.22 and the return to school expenditure is three times higher for students at the top of the past attainment distribution than for those at the bottom.

**Big five personality traits and academic performance in Russian universities**
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We study which Big Five personality traits are associated with academic performance among a sample of Russian university students using results from the Unified State Examination (for university admissions) and their current grade point averages as measures of academic performance. We find that Introversion, Agreeableness, Neuroticism, and Openness to experience have observable ties to academic performance. Those results partially confirm existing international studies, but our findings are notable for the relative unimportance of conscientiousness for success in our Russian sample. We suggest that cross-cultural differences in educational environment may explain why this trait seems less obviously important in the analysis.

**Declining Higher Education Quality Affects Postsecondary Choices: a Peruvian Case**
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Few adolescents in the developing world receive sufficient guidance to make crucial life decisions during the transition from secondary to postsecondary education and into the labor market. Consequently, a significant number of graduates regret the decisions they make. The excessive rigidity of most higher education systems prevents lateral shifts between programs or from technical to university education. In addition, in Peru limited information about the range of programs and their labor market outcomes, combined with an increasing number of low-quality providers, contribute to the problem. A recent survey of Peru’s urban working-age population revealed that only 35 percent of young professionals (ages 22 to 30) were satisfied with the postsecondary choices they had made. This implies that, if given the opportunity, nearly two-thirds of young professionals would choose another career or institution, a different degree (university or technical), or would have entered the labor market directly after completing their secondary education.

Positive Impacts of Playworks on Students’ Healthy Behaviors: Findings from a Randomized Controlled Trial.
Jane Fortson

Retention of and Access to Effective Teachers in DC Public Schools.
Elias Walsh

Basking in the glory of schools: school characteristics and the self-concept of students in mathematics
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Our study contributes to the debate on the interaction between academic context, individual achievement, and mathematics self-concept in schools. It is known that high-achieving peers positively influence the individual achievements of all group members. At the same time, it has been shown that the self-concept of students tends to decrease in the presence of high-achieving peers, as individuals make relative judgments of their abilities vis-a-vis their peer group. Students with mediocre performance feel more confident about their abilities in a group of poor achievers (the Big-Fish-Little-Pond Effect – BFLPE – introduced by H.Marsh). On the other hand, perceived prestige of a school enhances the self-confidence of students as people tend to “bask in the glory” of others (the “reflected glory” effect). We test the two effects mentioned above – BFLPE and the “reflected glory” effect. We hypothesize that both effects are stronger in highly stratified education systems where there is a stronger explicit difference between high- and poor-achieving students, and schools are ranked by their prestige. We compare the interaction of academic context, achievement, and mathematics self-concept in stratified (Russia and Czech Republic) and non-stratified (Norway and Sweden) educational systems on the TIMSS’07 database using HLM7. Our study shows: 1) an absence of BFLPE for all four countries, i.e. the achievement of others is positively related to an individual’s math self-concept; 2) strong support for the “reflected glory” effect is found only in stratified educational systems; and 3) greater positive effect on self-concept for students with poor achievement who study in the best schools.

On Standards of Budget Funding and Adjusting the Fees in State Universities
The paper analyzes the implications of the financial regulations implementing a state order (standards of budget financing based on one student) in the higher education system and the use of them to regulate fees in the universities. It is demonstrated that the establishment of standards in the field of budgetary financing (field of study) does not allow to pay attention to differences in historical property complexes, schools, differences in socio-economic position of the Russian Federation where universities are located affecting the wages of faculty in relation to the average for the economy of the region, raises the question of the adequacy of the state accreditation of higher education institutions. Purely economic approach in the allocation of budget funds obscures difficult political decisions on restructuring the higher education network: the elimination of schools that do not meet the requirements for licensing and accreditation of universities, uniting weak with strong ones, opening of new schools on the basis of material liquidation, the implementation of programs to support the weak, but necessary institutions, replacing weak management in universities, etc. Accordingly, the regulation of fees would have a negative economic and social consequences.

**Spillover effects of studying with immigrant students; a quantile regression approach**

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We analyze how the share of immigrant children in the classroom affects the educational attainment of native Dutch children in terms of their language and math performance at the end of primary school. Our paper studies the spill-over effects at different parts of the test score distribution of native Dutch students using a quantile regression approach. We find no evidence of negative spillover effects of the classroom presence of immigrant children at the median of the test score distribution. In addition, there is no indication that these spillover effects are present at other parts of the distribution.

**Standardized Testing: Mend It, Don't End It.**

Steven Glazerman

**Landownership Concentration and the Expansion of Education**

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This paper studies the effect of landownership concentration on school enrollment for nineteenth century Prussia. Prussia is an interesting laboratory given its decentralized educational system and the presence of heterogeneous agricultural institutions. We find that landownership concentration, a proxy for the institution of serfdom, has a negative effect on schooling. This effect diminishes substantially towards the end of the century. Causality of this relationship is confirmed by introducing soil texture to identify exogenous farm-size variation. Panel estimates further rule out unobserved heterogeneity. We present several robustness checks which shed some light on possible mechanisms.

**Do Faculty Matter? Effects of Faculty Participation in University Decisions**

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This paper models faculty participation in university decision-making and the effects on enrollment, academic quality and non-academic quality. The model predicts that faculty participation positively
academic quality and non-academic quality. The model predicts that faculty participation positively affects student enrollment and investments in academic quality. Without faculty involvement in decision making, universities may choose to overinvest in non-academic quality (e.g. athletics, recreational activities) relative to academic quality. If academic quality provides positive externalities as the economic literature indicates, then faculty involvement in decision-making is socially preferred to having decisions made only by university administrators.

**Explaining Educational Attainment across Countries and over Time**  
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Consider the following facts. In 1950 the richest ten-percent of countries attained an average of 8 years of schooling whereas the poorest ten-percent of countries attained 1.3 years, a 6-fold difference. By 2005, the difference in schooling declined to 2-fold. The fact is that schooling has increased faster in poor than in rich countries. What explains educational attainment differences across countries and their evolution over time? We develop an otherwise standard model of human capital accumulation with two important features: non-homothetic preferences and an operating labor supply margin. We use the model to assess the quantitative contribution of productivity and life expectancy differences across countries in explaining educational attainment. Calibrating the parameters of the model to reproduce the historical time-series data for the United States, we find that the model accounts for 90 percent of the difference in schooling levels between rich and poor countries in 1950 and 64 percent of the increase in schooling over time in poor countries. The model generates a faster increase in schooling in poor than in rich countries consistent with the data. These results highlight the importance of productivity and development in education, emphasizing the crucial role of productivity improvements in poor countries relative to often-discussed educational policies.

**Nuns and the Effects of Catholic Schools: Evidence from Vatican II**  
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This paper examines the causal effects of Catholic schooling on educational attainment. Using a novel instrumental-variable approach that exploits an exogenous shock to the Catholic school system, we show that the positive correlation between Catholic schooling and student outcomes is explained by selection bias. Spearheaded by the universal call to holiness and the opening to lay leadership, the reforms that occurred at the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) in the early 1960s produced a dramatic exogenous change in the cost/benefit ratio of religious life in the Catholic Church. The decline in vocations that followed contributed to a significant increase in costs and, in many cases, to the closure of Catholic schools. We document that this decline was heterogeneous across US dioceses, and that it was more marked in those dioceses governed by a liberal bishop. Merging diocesan data drawn from the Official Catholic Directory (1960-1980) and the US Census, we show that the variation in the supply of female religious teachers across US dioceses is strongly related to Catholic schooling. Using the abrupt decline in female vocations as an instrument for Catholic schooling, we find no evidence of positive effects on student outcomes.

**Treating schools to a new administration. The impact of South Africa’s 2005 provincial boundary changes on school performance**  
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The impact that the systems and practices of the education authorities, as opposed to the management at the school, have on school performance is usually difficult to quantify. Provincial boundary changes occurring in South Africa after 2005 appear to create a quasi-experiment that lends itself to impact evaluation techniques. A total of 158 secondary schools experienced a switch in provincial administration and at least two types of switches, one from Limpopo to Mpumalanga and another from North West to Gauteng, were sufficiently common to make statistically significant trends a possibility. Various indicators of Grade 12 mathematics performance are explored which take into account passes at a low threshold, achievement at an excellent level and selection into mathematics. Models used and critically discussed include a simple value-added school production function, a difference-in-difference model and a fixed effects panel data analysis. The data include annual Grade 12 examination results for the period 2005 to 2012, which allow for lags in the impact to be explored. Spatial analysis is used to identify schools located close to switching schools to establish whether student commuting effects could have confounded the results. A key finding is that schools moving from North West to Gauteng appear to enjoy benefits associated with the treatment especially as far as the production of students excelling in mathematics is concerned. However, a strong caveat is that the finding depends heavily on just 2012 values and that 2013 examination data will have to be included in the analysis before the study can inform policy recommendations. A brief comparison of institutional aspects of the education authorities in the two provinces North West and Gauteng, drawing from publicly available plans and reports, is provided to help interpret the differences seen in the data. The paper ends with some tentative conclusions in relation to how governance responsibilities in education can be optimally spread across the national, provincial and local levels in South Africa.

The Teacher-Student Data Link Project: First-Year Implementation.
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No disabled student left behind? - Evidence from a social field experiment
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We conduct a field experiment to study if student counseling offices discriminate against disabled students based on their impairment. The offices receive randomized emails from fictitious high-school graduates, requesting information on the admission process and special accommodations to ease studying. Responses are evaluated using content analysis, allowing us to examine different theoretical mechanisms how discriminative behaviour can emerge. Results show that students with depression or dyslexia are discriminated against compared to students with physical impairments. We find no evidence for taste-based or statistical discrimination. Instead, results indicate that general information deficits about health conditions exist, leading to non-purposeful discrimination. Psychological and learning impairments are not recognized as disabilities and counselors are unaware of the limitations they entail. If discrimination translates in to lower access to higher education and a lower probability to graduate, disadvantages for disabled individuals on the labor market are reinforced.

"High"-School: The Relationship between Early Marijuana Use and Educational Outcomes
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We use unique survey data linked to nearly a decade of administrative welfare data to examine the relationship between early marijuana use (at age 14 or younger) and young people’s educational outcomes. We find evidence that early marijuana use is related to educational penalties that are compounded by high-intensity use and are larger for young people living in families with a history of welfare receipt. The relationships between marijuana use and both high school completion and achieving a university entrance score appear to stem from selectivity into the use of marijuana. In contrast, early marijuana use is associated with significantly lower university entrance score for those who obtain one and we provide evidence that this effect is unlikely to be driven by selection. Collectively, these findings point to a more nuanced view of the relationship between adolescent marijuana use and educational outcomes than is suggested by the existing literature.

The Risk and Return of Human Capital Investments
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Investing in human capital increases lifetime income, but these investments may involve substantial risk. In this paper we use a Finnish panel spanning 22 years to predict the mean, the variance and the skew of the present value of lifetime income, and to calculate certainty equivalent lifetime income at different levels of education. We find that university education is associated with about a half a million euro increase in discounted lifetime disposable income compared to vocational high school. Accounting for risk does little to change this picture. By contrast, vocational high school is associated with only moderately higher lifetime income compared to compulsory education, and the entire difference is due to differential nonemployment.

How social ties affect peer-group effects: a case of university students
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Among the key issues of peer effects estimation is the correct identification of relevant peers. In this study, we explore how the individual performance of university students is influenced by characteristics and achievements of peers from individual’s social network. The analysis uses data from two directed networks: a network of friends and a network of study partners for thirdyear students at a top-tier Russian university. Data on network ties in randomly formed student groups enables us to address the endogeneity problem and disentangle the influence of peers’ performance from the effect that a peer’s background has on students. We show that both the GPA of peers and their ability measures are significant in the estimated regression model. A onepoint increase in the average GPA of peers is associated with an increase in an individual student’s own GPA of approximately one fourth. The regression on the data from the network of study partners has slightly greater explanatory power than the analysis is based on data from the network of friends. No effect from a student’s classmates is found in the model that assumes group interactions occur between group mates.
**Escaping from a human capital trap? Italy’s regions and the move to centralized primary schooling, 1861 - 1936**
Gabriele Cappelli

The present paper explores the role of public policy in the development of Italy’s human capital in the late 19th century and the Interwar period. It aims at understanding whether a system of decentralized primary education slowed down regional convergence in schooling. This work puts forward the hypothesis that, under such a system, the country was subject to a human capital trap – since poor and backward areas could not afford to invest a suitable amount of resources in schooling. Additionally, it investigates whether a more centralized system, introduced in 1911, loosened up the trap, fostered the accumulation of human capital and reduced the country’s regional disparities. Original qualitative evidence and new data on schooling confirm the existence of such a trap, and underline the positive role of centralization in the Interwar period. The econometric model implemented strengthens these findings: poor regions could not improve the quality of education, which in turn would give rise to a vicious circle. Centralized primary education certainly fostered the development of Italy’s schooling in the Interwar period. However, human capital regional disparities across the country persisted, a result that calls for further research on the topic.

**Research and Teaching in Higher Education: Complements or Substitutes?**
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In this note we use unique data from Bar-Ilan University, over a period of four years (2005-2008), to estimate simultaneous equations with regard to the relationship between publications and teaching loads. The study shows that students studying for a bachelor's degree are a liability while PhD students are an asset in terms of publications. Those studying for a master's degree may be a liability or an asset depending on the department characteristics. Increasing the number of faculty members increases publications however it may not increase the publications per capita and is department specific.

**The Long Term Effects of Forcible Assimilation Policy: The Case of Indian Boarding Schools**
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For decades in North America and Australia, indigenous children were forcibly removed from their homes and placed in boarding schools. These schools had the stated goal of cultural assimilation and are perceived to have been an educational failure. I offer the first causal evidence on the long run effects of these schools using the interaction of changes in Canadian national policy and variation in the power of the Catholic Church. I find that the average boarding school had substantial effects on both cultural and economic assimilation. However, I find suggestive evidence that highly abusive schools only affected cultural connection.

**Determinants of Student Satisfaction with Campus Residence Life at a South African University**
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Although there are a number of studies on the determinants of general quality of life among university students, these occur mainly in developed countries and do not focus specifically on campus-based residence life. It has long been accepted that factors outside the classroom (àœthe other curriculumâ€) can contribute to academic success, as well as the achievement of other important outcomes such as the appreciation of human diversity. Striving towards equality of residence life satisfaction across different racial and gender groups, for example, is thus important
for academic outcomes and for the development of well-functioning citizens. This study is based on the 2011 Quality of Residence Life (QoRL) Survey, conducted at a South African university, comprising roughly 2,000 respondents. Based on descriptive analyses and ordered probit regressions, the study investigates the association between satisfaction with QoRL and (i) residence milieu and characteristics, (ii) direct and indirect discrimination, (iii) perceptions of drug and alcohol issues in residence, (iv) safety, and (v) individual student characteristics. One of the main findings is that there are no significant differences in satisfaction with QoRL across racial and gender groups; a finding that suggests significant progress in university transformation and equity goals. The general atmosphere and characteristics of residences are also important predictors of QoRL satisfaction.

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Le comportement des jeunes d'aujourd'hui est souvent sujet d'effarement pour les adultes des générations passées, dans la vie sociale, scolaire ou au travail. En fait le sujet est tabou, il ne faut pas stigmatiser. Les jeunes d'aujourd'hui ne sont plus les mêmes que les jeunes d'antan, tout simplement parce qu'ils n'ont pas été éduqués de la même manière. Issu du terrain, sans concession mais sans procès non plus, cet ouvrage fait l'état des lieux sur ce qui a changé et comment la roue a tourné.


Comment rendre notre système éducatif plus réaliste et moins élitiste ? Voici un examen de notre système éducatif pour voir de quelle manière on peut alléger ses pesanteurs et répondre ou pas à la mise en valeur des aptitudes de chacun et des différentes formes d'intelligence. Un propos pour tous les acteurs de l'Education (élèves, étudiants et parents compris).

Edgar, Valérie, Geneviève... et les autres » est un peu injuste pour tous ces autres qui sont passés par les rues de Grenelle, Descartes ou Dutot sans laisser leur empreinte au ministère, au demi-ministère voire au secrétariat d’État qui a eu la charge de l’enseignement supérieur. On n’a donc retenu ici que ceux qui ont explicitement fait de l’autonomie des universités un objectif majeur d’une impossible réforme, à commencer par Edgar Faure lui-même dont la loi éponyme, en novembre 1968, fut pourtant votée à l’Assemblée nationale à l’unanimité, moins les communistes !


Le présent ouvrage cherche à approfondir l’articulation entre les concepts d’espace et de dispositifs en éducation, du triple point de vue de l’histoire, de la philosophie et de l’anthropologie. Ce travail d’intelligence collective est soumis au conflit des interprétations, à trois niveaux : celui de l’expertise externe, de l’expertise interne et enfin d’une élaboration collective des savoirs.


Comment, dans une interaction verbale avec l’adulte expert (le professeur par exemple), l’enfant ou l’adolescent est-il capable de formuler une demande d’aide dont la réponse va lui permettre de progresser dans son apprentissage ? L’élève qui prend conscience de son besoin d’aide, puis qui formule sa demande, gère son apprentissage de façon autonome. Voici analysé ce processus complexe qu’est la demande d’aide.


Face au constat de la perte d'autorité des parents, l'auteur nous propose un guide soulignant les rôles des adultes dans la protection et l'épanouissement de leurs enfants. Abordant différents domaines comme l'hygiène, la santé, l'éducation morale, l'instruction, cet ouvrage veut permettre la prise de conscience et l'échange pour une meilleure responsabilisation des parents.

4. Tableaux statistiques