10th IZA Summer School in Labor Economics

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“Labor Markets and Economic Integration: Imperfections, Regulation, and Reforms”

The six lectures will (1) review theory and evidence on the role of policy in shaping labor outcomes, then focus on (2) financial market imperfections as a motivation for labor market regulation and redistributive policies, (3) the labor market impact of international trade, immigration, FDI, offshoring, (4) labor market reform pressures and economic integration obstacles arising from the interaction of these aspects in the European Union, and globally.

It may be useful to read in advance outline material

available at http://www.personalweb.unito.it/giuseppe.bertola and some textbook portions and survey papers:

Ch. 10 (section 2) 11 (section 1) 12 of Labor Economics by P. Cahuc and A. Zylberberg (MIT Press 2004).
Ch. 3 of Models for Dynamic Macroeconomics by F.-C. Bagliano and Giuseppe Bertola (Oxford UP 2004).

The lectures will also refer to papers in the following ‘further reading’ list (and to some of their references and to additional ongoing work), with the aim of conveying to students the motivation, approach, and relationship to each other of more or less technical contributions to somewhat different streams of literature.

1. Institutions, policies, and labor market outcomes


2. Labor market income risk and policies

*German Economic Review* 3 107-35.


3. Internationalization and labor markets

O’Rourke, K.H. (2001) “Globalization and Inequality: Historical trends” NBER WP 8339


4. Economic integration and policy


