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IZA appoints Daniel S. Hamermesh as Director of Research Network and Editor-in-Chief at IZA World of Labor

As part of its ongoing strategic restructuring, the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) has appointed Daniel S. Hamermesh to coordinate the activities of IZA's global academic network of currently 1,360 research fellows and affiliates from 58 countries. "The highly productive IZA research network will continue to play a key role in the future activities of the institute. I am very happy that Dan Hamermesh has agreed to assume this important task," said Hilmar Schneider, who will succeed IZA Director Klaus F. Zimmermann on March 1, 2016 (see [IZA press release](#), December 15, 2015).

At the same time, Hamermesh will become Editor-in-Chief of the IZA World of Labor, the online knowledge hub that provides decision-makers with relevant and succinct information based on sound empirical evidence. "Professor Hamermesh is highly respected in the global research and policy communities. His outstanding scholarly work over nearly five decades has always focused on making economic theory and empirical findings accessible to decision-makers and the society at large. I am convinced that his vast experience and creativity will provide additional momentum to IZA's efforts in providing scientifically founded policy advice, based on the ground-breaking work of Klaus Zimmermann," said Dr. Klaus Zumwinkel, President of IZA and the Deutsche Post Foundation.

Having joined IZA as a Research Fellow in July 1998, Daniel Hamermesh has been closely affiliated with the institute ever since. From December 2001 until July 2008, he was IZA Program Director for the institute's research program "The Future of Labor." He served as IZA Director of Research from August 2008 until January 2009. Hamermesh commented on his new role: "I look forward to leading in many of the areas that Klaus Zimmermann created and to refining and expanding the IZA Network's worldwide leadership in labor market issues. It is a great honor to do this and to lead the construction of the IZA World of Labor project, an initiative that uniquely harnesses scientific knowledge to public policy and to the public discussion of economic issues."

About Daniel S. Hamermesh

Daniel S. Hamermesh is Professor of Economics, Royal Holloway University of London, and Sue Killam Professor Emeritus at the University of Texas at Austin, where he taught from 1993-2015. His A.B. is from the University of Chicago (1965), his Ph.D. from Yale (1969). He taught from 1969-73 at

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Princeton, from 1973-93 at Michigan State, from 2009-12 at Maastricht University, and has held visiting professorships in the United States, Europe, Australia and Asia. He is a Fellow of the Econometric Society, a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, and was President of the Society of Labor Economists in 2001. In 2013 that Society gave him the Mincer Award for Lifetime Contributions. He also received the 2013 IZA Prize in Labor Economics and the 2014 John R. Commons Award from Omicron Delta Epsilon.

Professor Hamermesh authored *Labor Demand, The Economics of Work and Pay, Economics Is Everywhere, Beauty Pays*, and a wide array of articles in labor economics in the leading general and specialized economics journals. His research concentrates on time use, labor demand, discrimination, social insurance programs (particularly unemployment insurance), and unusual applications of labor economics (to suicide, sleep and beauty).

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