

CILNews

Newsletter of the Canadian International Labour Network



Announcing Two International Conferences

CILN is pleased to announce two back-to-back international conferences this September. The first, co-sponsored with the Canadian Employment Research Forum (CERF) and the Organization for Economic Development (OECD), focuses on self-employment trends in international perspective. The second looks at the broader relationship between labour market institutions and labour market outcomes.

A list of authors and titles for both conferences follows. More details and a registration form can be found on the CILN web site:
<http://labour.ciln.mcmaster.ca>

International Conference on Self-Employment

*Burlington, Ontario,
 September 24-26, 1998*
**Self-Employment Trends:
 International Perspectives**

- David Blanchflower (Dartmouth College) and David Evans (NERA, Inc.) “Self-Employment Trends in OECD Countries: Evidence from Microdata”

- John S. Earle (Stockholm School of Economics) and Zuzana Sakova (Rutgers University) “Self-Employment and Entrepreneurship in Transitional Economies: Measurements, Origins, Determinants, and Consequences”

- Garnett Picot (Statistics Canada) and Marilyn Manser (U.S. Bureau of Labour Statistics) “The Role of Self-Employment in Job Creation in Canada and the United States”

- David Evans (Senior Vice President, National Economic Research Associates, Inc.) “Self-Employment: Economic Knowledge and Ignorance”

Country Studies I

- Carmel Duggan (WRC Social and Economic Consultants Ltd) “Self-Employment in Ireland”

- François Hurel (APCE) and Henri Le Marois (ESPACE) “Self-Employment in France”

- Peter Plougmann (Danish Technological Institute) “Self-Employment in Denmark”

Country Studies II

- Norma Samaniego (Universidad Iberoamericana)

“Self-Employment in Mexico”

- Fiorenza Belussi (Padua University) “Self-Employment in Italy”

- Bruce Chapman and Bob Gregory (Australian National University) “Self-Employment in Australia”

Self-employment Dynamics Over the Business and the Life Cycle

- Zhengxi Lin, Janice Yates and Garnett Picot (Statistics Canada) “The Entry and Exit Dynamics of Self-Employment in Canada”

- Raquel Carrasco (CEMFI) “Transitions to and from Self-Employment in Spain: An Empirical Analysis”

- Carol S. Moore (Center for Naval Analysis) and Richard E. Mueller (University of Maine) “The Transition into Self-Employment: The Importance of Involuntary Separation and Unemployment Duration”

- Danny Leung and Chris Robinson (University of Western Ontario) “Explaining the Recent Rise in Self-Employment: Lifecycle, Cohort and Aggregate Economy Effects”

Taxes and Self-employment

- Donald Bruce (Syracuse University) “Effects of the United States Tax System on

Transitions into Self-Employment

- Herb Schuetze (McMaster University) "Self-Employment Trends in the USA and Canada: Effects of Taxes and Macroeconomic Conditions"

Liquidity Constraint and Self-employment

- Mark Taylor (ESRC Research Centre on Micro-social Change, University of Essex) "Self-Employment and Windfall Gains: Evidence from British Panel Data"
- Ralph Gomez (University of Toronto) "The Effect of Peer-Group Lending and Social Capital on the Performance of the Small-Scale Self-Employed"
- Jean-Francois Rocchi (SOFIREM, France) "Spin-offs in France"

Gender and Self-employment

- Donald Bruce, (Syracuse University) "Do Husbands Matter? Married Women Entering Self-Employment"
- Peter Kuhn and Herb Schuetze, (McMaster University) "Gender and Self Employment Dynamics in Canada: 1983-1994"
- Donald Williams (Kent State University) "Consequences of Self-Employment for Women and Men in the United States"
- Lauren Rich (University of Pennsylvania) "Self-Employment among Unmarried Fathers and Implications for Child Support Policies"

Ethnicity, Race and Self-employment

- Robert Fairlie (University of California at Santa Cruz) and Bruce Meyer (Northwestern University) "Trends in Self-Employment among White and Black Men in the US: 1910-1990"

- Kenneth Clark (University of Manchester) and Stephen Drinkwater (University of Portsmouth) "Pushed Out or Pulled In? Self-Employment Among Britain's Ethnic Minorities"

- Fernando Mata and Ravi Pendakur (Heritage Canada, Ottawa) "Pursuit of Self-Employment, Immigration and Visible Minority Status"

- David Blanchflower (Dartmouth College) "Black-White Differences in Access to Small Business Loans"

Self-employment Assistance

- Friedhelm Pfeiffer and Frank Reize (Centre for European Economic Research, Mannheim) "German Business Start-ups from Unemployment - An Empirical Analysis with Firm Data"

- Christopher O'Leary (W.E. Upjohn Institute of Employment Research) "Promoting Self-Employment Among the Unemployed in Hungary and Poland"

- Wayne Vroman (Urban Institute) and Stephen Wandner (U.S. Department of Labor) "Self-Employment Assistance in the United States: Results from Six States"

- Ging Wong, Chris Riddell, Lesle Wesa and Andrew Klymchuk (Human Resources Development Canada) "Self-Employment for Unemployed Workers in Canada,

1987-1997"

Labour Market Institutions and Labour Market Outcomes: International Perspectives

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Unemployment Sessions:

Models of Matching and Consumption

- James Albrecht and Susan Vroman (Georgetown University) "A Matching Model with Endogenous Skill Requirements"
- Daniele Paserman (Harvard University) "Unemployment and Consumption Dynamics"

Unemployment in Transition Economies

- John Ham (University of Pittsburgh), Jan Svejnar and Katherine Terrell (University of Michigan) "The Unemployment Duration of Women During the Transition: Evidence From Micro Data in the Czech and Slovak Republics"
- John Micklewright (UNICEF) and Gyula Nagy (Budapest University of Economics) "Living Standards and Incentives in Transitions: The Implications of UI Exhaustion in Hungary"

Labour Market Dynamics

- Stephen Jones (McMaster University) and W. Craig Riddell (University of British Columbia) "The Dynamics of Labour Force Attachment in the US Labour Market"

- Gerard J. van den Berg and Geert Ridder (Free University of Amsterdam) "Estimating Measures of Labor Market Imperfections for Five OECD Countries, Using Aggregate Data and an Equilibrium Search Framework"

- Audra Bowlus and Shannon N. Seitz (University of Western Ontario) "Search Frictions in the U.S. Labor Market: Equilibrium Estimates from the PSID"

European Labour Markets and the "Rigidity" Debate

Andrew Martin (Harvard University) "EMU and Wage Bargaining: The Americanization of the European Labor Market?"

Gilles Saint-Paul (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) "The Political Economy of Firing Costs"

Jimmy Royer and Marc Van Audenrode* (Université Laval) "Job Protection and Jobs: Evidence from a Natural Experiment"

Wages Sessions:

Displacement in International Context I (These sessions are jointly sponsored with Upjohn Institute)

- Peter Kuhn (McMaster University) Project Overview

- Jaap Abbring (Free Univ. of Amsterdam), Chris Ruhm (University of North Carolina-Greensboro), and Gerard van den Berg (Free Univ. of

Amsterdam) "Worker Displacement in the US and the Netherlands"

Displacement in International Context II

- Karsten Albæk (University of Copenhagen), Martin Browning (McMaster University and Copenhagen), and Marc van Audenrode (Université Laval): "Worker Displacement in Belgium and Denmark"

- Christian Dustmann (University College London) and David Margolis (Université de Paris I), "Worker Displacement in Germany and France"

Displacement in International Context III

- Jeff Borland (Australian National University), Paul Gregg (LSE), Genevieve Knight (LSE) and Jonathan Wadsworth (LSE/RHNBC), "Worker Displacement in Australia and Britain"

- Masahiro Abe (Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry, Tokyo), Yoshio Higuchi (Keio University), Masao Nakamura (UBC), Peter Kuhn (McMaster), and Arthur Sweetman (University of Victoria), "Worker Displacement in Canada and Japan"

Prospects for the Welfare State

- Keith Banting (Queen's University) "The Welfare State and the Politics of Cultural Diversity"

- John Myles (Florida State University) "Restructuring Welfare States: How Nations Are Redesigning Old Age Security Systems"

Family Sessions:

Family Decisions

- Nick Rowe and Frances Woolley (Carleton University) "The Efficiency Case for Universality"

- Pierre-André Chiappori (University of Chicago), Bernard Fortin and Guy Lacroix (Université Laval), "Household Labor Supply, Sharing Rule and the Marriage Market"

- Aloysius Siow (University of Toronto) "Differential Fecundity and Gender-Biased Parental Investments"

Joint Labour Supply

- Michael Baker (University of Toronto) "Joint Retirement: Evidence from the Spouse's Allowance"

- Heather Antecol (McMaster University) and Thomas Crossley (York University) "Job Loss, Unemployment Insurance and Spousal Labour Supply"

- Stephen Machin (University College London and LSE) tba

Intergenerational Income Mobility

- Miles Corak (Statistics Canada), Bjorn Gustafsson and Torun Larsson, "Regional and International Patterns of Intergenerational Income Mobility: Canada and Sweden Compared"

- Laura Nelson Chadwick and Gary Solon (University of Michigan) "Intergenerational Income Mobility among Daughters in the United States"

- Anders Bjorklund (Swedish Institute for Social Research) and Marcus Jantti "The Impact of the Number of Siblings on

Men's Adult Wages: Evidence from Finland, Sweden and the United States”

Child Outcomes

- John Micklewright (UNICEF) and Kitty Stewart "Is Child Welfare Converging in the European Union?"
- Shelley Phipps (Dalhousie University) "Child Well-Being in Five Countries"
- Martin Dooley (McMaster University), Lori Curtis (Dalhousie University), Ellen Lipman and David Feeny (McMaster University) "The Role of Income, Family Structure and Parental Market Work in the Determination of Child Health in the National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth"

Postdocs Old and New

This summer saw the departure of Kelly Bedard, the first CILN Postdoc, who has been working at McMaster for the past two years. Kelly leaves for warmer climes as she is starting a job at Claremont College in California. We wish her the best with her research and career and hope to maintain CILN links in the years ahead.

We are pleased to welcome the new CILN Postdoc, Isaac Rischall, also appointed for a two-year term. Isaac was born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota and received his bachelor of arts in mathematics and economics from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. He attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison, for graduate work in Economics and recently received his Ph.D. His doctoral

research dealt with the consequences of different human capital investments. The first chapter ascertained whether single mothers increase the benefits or the earnings they receive by migrating. The second chapter addressed the effect of studying in high school on future earnings. The third chapter separated out the returns to education and the returns to skill from the intergenerational income mobility coefficient.

In addition to this work, Isaac is currently working on a paper (with Jim Andreoni and Eleanor Brown) that examines household bargaining using data from the Independent Sector Survey on Giving. This research studies how changes in earnings across family members affect who is responsible for the charity decisions. While at McMaster, he intends to use microdata from the Canadian Self-Sufficiency Project to see how time limits on welfare participation in the United States will affect training decisions of single mothers.

Seminar series

CILN holds a regular seminar series and occasional public lectures at McMaster. Copies of some papers presented are available by request. In addition, CILN hosts short-term visitors engaged in research related to CILN themes.

- January 16 **Isaac Rischall** (University of Wisconsin-Madison) "The Effect of Migration on Earnings and Welfare Benefit Receipt"
- January 30 **Brian Levine** (Cornell University) "Increased Unionization Under Multiple-Union Solicitation in Certification Elections: An Analysis of Competing Explanations"

- February 20 **Thomas Bauer** (Munich/Rutgers) "Immigrant Labor, Work Organization, and Workplace Safety"

- March 17 - 19 **David Card** (University of California, Berkeley & CILN) Hooker Distinguished Visiting Professor

- March 17 "School Finance Reform, the Distribution of School Spending, and the Distribution of Student Achievement"

- March 18 "First and Second Generation Immigrants in the 1940's, the 1970's, and the 1990's"

- March 19 "From Welfare to Work: New Findings from the Self Sufficiency Demonstration Project in British Columbia and New Brunswick"

- April 1 **Lars Vilhuber** (York University) "Sector-specific On-the-job Training: Evidence from U.S. Data"

- April 24 **Deborah Cobb-Clark** (ANU) "Coming Out of the Shadows: Learning about Legal Status and Wages from the Legalized Population"

- May 6 **Herb Schuetze** (McMaster and CILN) "Self-Employment in Canada: An Analysis of Transitions"

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