

**International Conference:**

**„The Economics of Vocational Education and Training: Markets • Institutions • Systems”  
5/6 November 2015, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BiBB), Bonn**

**Program**

5<sup>th</sup> of November 2015:

- 09:30            Registration (Gallery)
- 10:00            Welcome note (Room 1.130)  
**Prof. Dr. Reinhold Weiß**, *Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training*
- 10:15            Keynote speech (Room 1.130)  
Benefits of Apprenticeship Training - Lessons learned from empirical results on  
Switzerland and Germany  
**Prof. Dr. Uschi Backes-Gellner**, *University of Zurich*
- 11:15            Coffee break (Gallery)
- 11:45            **Parallel session A** (3 parallel sessions, lecturer in bold)
- Session A1** (Room 1.130):  
The long-lasting effect of technological change on the careers of young workers:  
Evidence from changes of mandatory training regulations  
**Dr. Simon Janssen**, *Institute for Employment Research (IAB)*  
Dr. Jens Mohrenweiser, *Bournemouth University*
- Reciprocity and training  
**Dr. Arjan Non**, *Research Centre for Education and the Labor Market (ROA) and  
Maastricht University*
- Skill Prices, Skill Composition and the Structure of Wages  
**Miriam Rinawi**, *University of Zurich*  
Prof. Dr. Uschi Backes-Gellner, *University of Zurich*
- Session A2** (Room 0.140):  
Back to School? Labor-Market Returns to Vocational Postsecondary Education  
Prof. Dr. Petri Böckerman, *Turku School of Economics*  
Dr. Mika Haapanen, *University of Jyväskylä*  
**Dr. Christopher Jepsen**, *University College Dublin*

Labor market effects of tertiary education based on vocational credentials  
**Sylvi Rzepka**, *Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung e.V. (RWI)*

Should I stay or should I go? An analysis of transitions within vocational education  
**Joelle Latina**, *Haute école de gestion de Genève*

**Session A3 (Room 5.211):**

Can Knowledge about the Education System increase the Social Status of Vocational Education and Training?

Dr. Thomas Bolli, *KOF Swiss Economic Institute*

**Ladina Rageth**, *KOF Swiss Economic Institute*

What does it take for a labor market-oriented education reform to succeed?

Field evidence from cases in diverse economic and institutional conditions

**Katherine Caves**, *KOF Swiss Economic Institute*

Mentoring disadvantaged youths during transition from school to vocational training:  
Evidence from Germany

**Prof. Dr. Bernhard Boockmann**, *Institute for Applied Economic Research/  
University of Tübingen*

Dr. Sebastian Nielen, *Institute for Applied Economic Research/University of Tübingen*

13:15

Lunch break (Gallery)

14:30

**Parallel session B** (3 parallel sessions, lecturer in bold)

**Session B1 (Room 1.130):**

Firms' Training Investments and Post-Training Wages of Apprentices

**Dr. Hans Dietrich**, *Institute for employment research (IAB)*

Dr. Harald Pfeifer, *Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training*

Felix Wenzelmann, *Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training*

Effects of apprenticeship marketing on employer brand dimensions –  
a difference-in-differences approach

**Dr. Andrea Greilinger**, *Ludwig-Fröhler-Institute* (cancelled)

Work-Related Ability as Source of Information Advantages of Training Employers

**Dr. Jens Mohrenweiser**, *Bournemouth University*

Dr. Gaby Wydra-Sommaggio, *Institute for Employment Research (IAB) Regional  
Saarbrücken*

Prof. Dr. Thomas Zwick, *University of Würzburg*

**Session B2 (Room 0.140):**

Actual Transition from School to Post-Secondary Education in Germany:

Does Risk Aversion Really Matter?

**Katja Seidel**, *Leuphana University Lüneburg*

Measure of the causal impact of apprenticeship on the school to work transition of  
French secondary school leavers: taking into account the local context

**Dr. Hélène Couprié**, *Centre d'études et de recherches sur les qualifications (Céreq)*

Dr. Arnaud Dupray, *Centre d'études et de recherches sur les qualifications (Céreq)*

Industrial foremen - How much worth is the further training?

**Veronika Gäckle**, *University of Würzburg*

Prof. Dr. Thomas Zwick, *University of Würzburg*

**Session B3** (Room 5.211):

Stability or change after apprenticeship training?

The role of occupational characteristics for the process of labour market entry

**Laura Menze**, *WZB Berlin Social Science Center*

The Relative Importance of Type of Education and Subject Area:

Empirical Evidence for Educational Decisions

**Curdin Pfister**, *University of Zurich*

Dr. Simone N. Tuor Sartore, *University of Zurich*

Prof. Dr. Uschi Backes-Gellner, *University of Zurich*

The effect of increasing school-based education of apprentices on their labour market outcomes later in life

Dr. Andreas Beerli, *KOF Swiss Economic Institute*

**Dr. Thomas Bolli**, *KOF Swiss Economic Institute*

Dr. Michael Siegenthaler, *KOF Swiss Economic Institute*

16:00

Coffee break (Gallery)

16:30

Keynote speech (Room 1.130)

Horizontal Skills Mismatch and Vocational Education

**Prof. Dr. Jürg Schweri**, *Swiss Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training*

17:30

Vocational Education in England

**Prof. Dr. Sandra McNally**, *Centre for Vocational Education Research/  
London School of Economics*

18:15

Light evening lunch and get together (Casino)

6<sup>th</sup> November 2015

09:30

Keynote speech (Room 1.130)

**Prof. Dr. Andries de Grip**, *Research Centre for Education and the Labor Market (ROA)  
and Maastricht University*

10:30

Coffee break (Gallery)

10:45

**Parallel session C** (3 parallel sessions, lecturer in bold)

**Session C1** (Room 1.130):

Modelling contract termination rates - A job matching approach

**Caroline Neuber-Pohl**, *Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training*

Apprenticeships from the Employers' Perspective: An Australian-German Comparison

**Dr. Harald Pfeifer**, *Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training*

Post-apprenticeship benefits of individual apprentices to employers  
Vahé Nafilyan, *Institute for employment studies (IES)*  
**Dr. Stefan Speckesser**, *Institute for employment studies (IES)*

**Session C2** (Room 0.140):

Labor-Market Returns to Vocational Schooling at the Master's Level  
Prof. Dr. Petri Böckerman, *Turku School of Economics*  
**Dr. Mika Haapanen**, *University of Jyväskylä*  
**Dr. Christopher Jepsen**, *University College Dublin*

Does Vocational Education and Training Improve the Labour Market Integration and the Job Quality for Young People?  
Dr. Thomas Bolli, *KOF Swiss Economic Institute*  
**Maria Esther Egg**, *KOF Swiss Economic Institute*  
Ladina Rabeth, *KOF Swiss Economic Institute*

Specificity of Vocational Education and Training – The Content of Training Curricula and its Impact on Labor Mobility  
**Christian Eggenberger**, *University of Zurich*  
Miriam Rinawi, *University of Zurich*  
Prof. Dr. Uschi Backes-Gellner, *University of Zurich*

**Session C3** (Room 5.211):

The effects of labor market tightness on a firm's recruitment strategies  
**Prof. Dr. Samuel Mühlemann**, *Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich*

Firms' knowledge acquisition during dual-track VET:  
Which sources are important for innovation?  
**Dr. Christian Rupiotta**, *University of Zurich*  
Dr. Harald Pfeifer, *Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training*  
Prof. Dr. Uschi Backes-Gellner, *University of Zurich*

New Evidence on Firm-based Training  
**Dr. Susanne Steffes**, *Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)*  
Arne Jonas Warnke, *Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)*

12:15 Closing note (Room 1.130)  
**Prof. Dr. Reinhold Weiß**, *Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training*

12:30 Farewell lunch (Gallery)