



The transition from school to work Seminar

School of Labor and Human Resources (Renmin University of China)
and
Understanding Children's Work (UCW) Programme

Moving from education into the world of work is a crucial phase in youth lives. Wide evidence shows that initial difficulties in this process might have long lasting consequences. Early entrance in the labour market combined with low human capital accumulation can lead to increased youth vulnerability and difficulties in accessing gainful employment. On the other hand, an increase in youth employment problems (e.g., lack of access to jobs, increased spells of unemployment, low wages, etc.) can create additional disincentives for investment in child education.

However, there is relatively little evidence on the determinants of the young workers' labour market performances and, in particular, on impact of early entry in the labour market on long-term employment outcomes.

The UCW Programme and the School of Labor and Human Resources of the Renmin University of China are organizing a one day seminar to present recent research on the transition from school to work, on the impact of early entry in the labour market and its linkages with educational and youth employment outcomes. The seminar will also aim at identifying key information gaps relating to these themes, thereby helping to guide future research efforts.

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Thursday, March 10th, 2016

347 Conference Room, Qiushi Building

School of Labor and Human Resources, Renmin University of China, Beijing

Morning session (9.30 -12.00)

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| 9.30 – 10.00 | Registration |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | Opening remarks
<i>Mr. Tim de Meyer (Director, the ILO Office in Beijing)</i> |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | Promoting research on school to work transition and youth employment: the collaboration between the Renmin University of China and the Understanding Children's Work Programme
<i>Prof. Zhang Zhao (Renmin University of China) and Furio Rosati (UCW)</i> |
| 10.45 – 11.30 | Pathways to work in the developing world: An analysis of young persons' transition from school to the workplace
<i>Furio Rosati (UCW)</i> |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | Youth employment policy in China
<i>Prof. Xiangquan Zeng (Renmin University of China)</i> |

Lunch Break (12.00 – 13.15)

Afternoon session (13.15 – 18.00)

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| 13.15 - 14.00 | Child labor in China
<i>Can Tang (PhD student, Renmin University of China)</i> |
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Trade liberalization and child labor in China
<i>Prof. Liqiu Zhao (Renmin University of China)</i> |
| 14.45 – 15.30 | Child (and adolescent) work in India
<i>Prof. Ravi Srivastava (Jawaharlal Nehru University)</i> |

Coffee Break (15.30 -16.00)

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| 16.00 – 16.45 | Household registration and college students' employment
<i>Yujie Wang (Student, Beijing Normal University)</i> |
| 16.45 – 17.30 | Are only-child discriminated in China's labor market? Evidence from a field experiment
<i>Prof. Haoran He (Beijing Normal University)</i> |
| 17.30 – 18.00 | Concluding remarks
<i>Prof. Zhang Zhao (Renmin University of China) and Furio Rosati (UCW)</i> |