UNDERSTANDING DYNAMIC LABOUR MARKETS

September 26-30, 2016

University of Geneva (September 26th to 27th), University of Lausanne (September 28th and 30th)

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Objective: This PhD course provides an overview of the modern view of how labor markets operate. The course introduces the notion of a search friction, the idea that employers and job seekers cannot instantly match. This feature of the labor market produces many of its problems: unemployment and inefficiency. The course also shows how social policies can intervene to improve labor market outcomes. The course covers theoretical notions and reviews empirical studies that document the empirical findings.

Outline: The class is based on Cahuc, Carcillo and Zylberberg (2014, CCZ), and state of the art research papers. The focus of the class is on modeling dynamic markets. To see what this means, we start with studying static labor supply (chapter 1). We will then move on to discussing dynamic models of how people search for jobs (chapter 5) and look into models that look at workers and firms simultaneously (chapter 9). A key concern for policy is increasing inequality and unemployment. We will look into how we can model this (chapter 10), and how to deal with this problem and other using labor policies (chapter 13 and 14). A core component of the class is two special sessions. The first session is an ongoing research presentation. The second is a discussion about whether labor economics matters for labor policy. The class ends with an exam covering the class material. Participants who pass the exam earn the equivalent of 3 ECTS.

Faculty: Pierre Cahuc, Polytechnique, and Stéphane Carcillo, OECD. Pierre Cahuc wrote the first edition of the graduate textbook in Labour Economics together with André Zylberberg. Stéphane Carcillo joined the successful team for the second edition of the textbook. This textbook is both comprehensive and deep, covering the subject like no other textbook.


Pre-registration to this event is mandatory. Please send your full name, faculty and e-mail address to tomaso.solari@unil.ch by March 31, 2016.
General Schedule:

Monday 26, Unimail, University of Geneva, Room M4389

13:30  Arrival, registration
14:00  Static Labor Supply, part I
15:30  Break
16:00  Static Labor Supply, part II

Tuesday 27, Unimail, University of Geneva, Room M4050 morning, Room M4389 afternoon

9:00   Job Search, part I
10:30  Break
11:00  Job Search, part II
12:30  Lunch
14:00  Labor Market Equilibrium, part I
15:30  Break
16:00  Labor Market Equilibrium, part II

Wednesday 28, Geopolis Building, University of Lausanne, Room 5899

9:00   Technology, Unemployment, and Inequality, part I
10:30  Break
11:00  Technology, Unemployment, and Inequality, part II
12:30  Research seminar -- Pierre Cahuc or Stéphane Carcillo
14:00  Lunch with speakers
15:30  Insurance Policies, part I
Thursday 29, Geopolis Building, University of Lausanne, Room 5899

9:00  Insurance Policies, part II
10:30 Break
11:00 Active Labor Market Policies, part I
12:30 Lunch
14:00 Active Labor Market Policies, part II
16:00 Break
16:30 “How does labor economics affect labor policy? France vs Switzerland” Room 1620
18:00 Apéritif in front of Room 1620
19:30 Dinner at Brasserie Lausanne-Moudon, Rue du Tunnel 20, Lausanne

Friday 30, Geopolis Building, University of Lausanne, Room 5899

10:00 Exam
12:00 End of course week