



LUNCH DEBATE SERIES

EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY: WHAT ROLE FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICIES?

Equality of opportunity is a widely shared ideal in Western societies. While most people are willing to reward hard work and effort, they strongly oppose outcome differences due to pre-determined circumstances, such as race, parental background or gender. Against this backdrop and in light of increasing social tensions during the Covid-19 crisis, it is of foremost importance to develop a policy agenda that levels the playing field and puts people in a position to pursue their life goals independently of their background characteristics.

In this panel debate, Sara Baiocco (EconPol Europe, CEPS), Arnaud Lefranc (CY Cergy Paris Université) and Larissa Zierow (EconPol Europe, ifo Institute) will discuss the role of educational policies throughout the life cycle, from early childhood to adult learning, in such an agenda. Which features of current educational systems and of social investment policies are the biggest inhibitors to equal opportunities? What are the most promising policy changes on our way forward? How does the Covid-19 crisis affect educational opportunities and what can we learn from the policy responses in the different EU member states?

Arnaud Lefranc and Larissa Zierow will share insights from their work on the IMCHILD research project. Sara Baiocco will complement the discussion with her experience working on adult learning policies.

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Moderator:
Jennifer Baker

Jennifer Baker has been a journalist in print, radio and television for more than 20 years, the last 10+ specialising in EU policy and legislation in the technology sector. Jennifer combines insider knowledge with a passion for live communication, moderating events and conferences of all sizes.

Panelist:

Sara Baiocco

Sara Baiocco is a researcher in the Jobs and Skills Unit at CEPS, with a focus on policy-oriented research in skills, employment and working conditions. She has a background in development economics and an MSc in local economic development from the LSE. Sara joined CEPS in 2018, after two years working in European research projects.



Panelist
Arnaud Lefranc

Arnaud Lefranc is professor of economics at CY Cergy Paris Université, where he also serves as vice president and director of the Institute of Advanced Studies. His research focuses on the economics of inequality, family and intergenerational mobility.

Panelist:

Larissa Zierow

Larisa Zierow is a postdoctoral researcher and deputy director at the Center for the Economics of Education at the ifo Institute, and member of the Junior Faculty of Economics of the University of Munich. Her research interests are in Applied Econometrics, Economics of Education, Labor, and Public Policy.



PROGRAM

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- 12:30 **Introduction and welcome**
Jennifer Baker (Journalist and Moderator)
- 12.35 **Opening Remarks**
Sara Baiocco (CEPS)
Arnaud Lefranc (CY Cergy Paris Université)
Larissa Zierow (EconPol Europe, ifo Institute)
- 12.55 **Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Jennifer Baker
Including question and answers from viewers
- 13:30 **End**

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European research institutes. A further five associate partners were added to the network in January 2019.

The network's joint interdisciplinary research covers sustainable growth and best practice, reform of EU policies and the EU budget, capital markets and the regulation of the financial sector, and governance and macroeconomic policy in the European Monetary Union. The network was founded in spring 2017 by the ifo Institute, along with eight renowned

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