

Ghent University & UCLouvain Workshop

"Monitoring, Counseling and Sanctions: Structural and Reduced Form Evaluation"

April 29-30, 2010 in Gent (Belgium)

- **Organizers**: Bart Cockx (Sherppa, Ghent U, and IRES, UCLouvain), Muriel Dejemeppe and Bruno Van der Linden (IRES, UCLouvain)
- Venue: Ghent River hotel, Waaistraat 5, B-9000 Gent, Belgium http://www.ghent-river-hotel.be/

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Program

Thursday April 29

- 11.30 13.00 Lunch and welcome
- Session 1: The Threat Effect of Monitoring and Sanctions
- 13.00 13.40 **Per Engström** (Uppsala University, Sweden): "Vacancy referrals, job search and the duration of unemployment: a randomized experiment" (*with P. Hesselius and B. Holmlund*)
- 13.40 14.20Barbara Hofmann (Institute for Employment Research, Germany): "The
threat effect of unemployment benefit sanctions"
- 14.20 15.00Bart Cockx (Sherppa, Ghent University and IRES, UCLouvain, Belgium): "Is
the Notification of Monitoring a Threat to the Unemployed? A Regression
Discontinuity Approach" (with M. Dejemeppe)
- 15.00 15.30 Break

Session 2: The Effect of Monitoring, Counseling and Sanctions on Job Quality (1)

15.30 - 16.10	Knut Roed (Ragnar Frisch Centre for Economic Research, Oslo, Norway): "Unemployment insurance in welfare states - how can we contain the moral hazard problem?" (<i>with S. Gaure and L. Westlie</i>)
16.10 - 16.50	Rafael Lalive (University of Lausanne, Switzerland): "How effective are unemployment benefit sanctions? Looking beyond unemployment exit" (<i>with P. Arni and J. van Ours</i>)
16.50 - 17.10	Break
Keynote	
17.10 - 18.20	Bruno Crépon (CREST-INSEE, France): TBA
19.00 - 22.30	Culinary walk through the historic centre of Ghent

Friday April 30

Session 3: Simulation and Estimation of Structural Models

- 9.00 9.40 **Conny Wunsh** (University of St.Gallen, Switzerland): "Optimal Monitoring and Sanctioning Systems"
- 9.40 10.20 **Pieter Gautier** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands): "Structural Estimation of Search Intensity: Do Non-employed Workers Search Enough?" (with J. L. Moraga-Gonzalez and R. P. Wolthoff)
- 10.20 11.00Andrey Launov (University of Würzburg, Germany, and IRES, UCLouvain):
"Monitoring and Sanctions in a Non-Stationary Structural Job-Search
Model" (with B. Cockx, M. Dejemeppe and B. Van der Linden)
- 11.00 11.30 Break

Session 4: The Effect of Monitoring, Counseling and Sanctions on Job Quality (2)

- 11.30 12.10 **Jonneke Bolhaar** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands): "The long-term effect of sanctions and monitoring on job duration, employment duration and wages" (*with B. van der Klaauw*)
- 12.10 12.50 **Johan Vikström** (IFAU, Sweden): "Monitoring Job Offer Decisions, Punishments, Exit to Work, and Job Quality" (*with G. van den Berg*)
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 16.30 Optional : guided tour through the historic centre with a visit to St Baafs cathedral including the famous painting *"the adoration of the mystic lamb"* of the Van Eyck brothers

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