

**IMF-OCP Policy Center-Brunel University  
Workshop on Global Labor Markets  
September 1-2, 2016, Paris**



**Thursday, September 1**

9-9.15 Opening remarks:

Tao Zhang, Deputy Managing Director, IMF  
Karim El Aynaoui, Managing Director, OCP Policy Center

**Session 1: Does Growth Create Jobs? Global and Regional Evidence**

Chair: Prakash Loungani (IMF)

9.15-10.30 Laurence Ball (Johns Hopkins University)  
*Does One Law Fit All?*  
*Okun's Law in Advanced & Developing Economies*

Tayeb Ghazi (OCP Policy Center)  
*Okun's Law: Unfit for Low-Income Countries?*

Nathalie Gonzalez-Prieto (IMF)  
*What Lies Beneath? Okun's Law in U.S. States*

10.30-10.45 Coffee break

10.45-12 Discussants: Willi Semmler (New School for Social Research)  
Ekkehard Ernst (ILO)  
Francois Facchini (University of Paris 1)  
Mai Dao (IMF)

12-1.30 Lunch

1.30-2 Karim El Aynaoui and Aomar Ibourk (OCP Policy Center)  
*Policy Lessons from Okun's Law for Developing Countries*

**Session 2: Jobs and Growth: The Role of Policies and Institutions**

Chair: Marc Uzan (Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee)

2-3 Haje Schutte and Karen Wilson (OECD)  
*The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as Business Opportunities*

Aurelio Parisotto (ILO)  
*Decent Work for All: Parsing Goal 8 of the SDGs*

3-3.15 Coffee break

3.15-4 Romain Duval (IMF)  
*Can Reform Waves Turn the Tide?*  
*Some Case Studies Using the Synthetic Control Method*

Discussant: Nauro Campos (Brunel University)

4-4.45 Sebastian Weber (ECB)  
*Reassessing the Role of Labor Market Institutions for the Business Cycle*

Discussant: Mai Dao (IMF)

4.45-5.30 Giovanni Melina (IMF)  
*Sectoral Labor Mobility and Optimal Monetary Policy*

Discussant: Manasa Patnam, CREST-ENSAE

## Friday, September 2

### Session 3: Labor Flows: Mobility, Migration, Displacement

Chair: Nauro Campos (Brunel University)

9-9.45 Amine Ouazad (Ecole Polytechnique)  
*Job Displacement and Crime: Evidence from Danish Micro Data*

Discussant: Ahmed Tritah (Universite du Maine)

9.45-10.45 Alessandro Turrini (European Commission)  
*Labor Mobility and Labor Market Adjustment in the EU*

Anda David (AFD)  
*Migration and Employment Interactions in a Crisis Context:  
The Case of Tunisia*

10.45-11 Coffee break

11-11.30 Discussants: Davide Furceri (IMF)  
Nawal Zaaj (Council of Scientific Research, Morocco)

11.30-12.15 Martin Kahanec, Central European University  
*Free Movement of Workers within the EU*

12.15-1.30 Lunch

### Session 4: Economic Policy Priorities and Prospects for the EU

Chair: Jean-Bernard Chatelain (Paris School of Economics)

1.30-2 Rodolphe Blavy (IMF, Europe Office)  
*An Overview of Developments and Policy Debates*

2-2.30 Francesco Saraceno (OFCE-Sciences Po)  
*An Assessment of EU Fiscal Policy*

2.30-3.15 Panel: Alessandro Turrini (European Commission)  
Willi Semmler (New School for Social Research)  
Nauro Campos (Brunel University)

3.15-3.30 Coffee break

**Session 5: The Design of Labor Market Policies and Institutions**

Chair: Ahmed Tritah (Universite du Maine)

*Active Labor Market Policies*

3.30-4.30: Bruno Crepon (ENSAE-CREST)  
*Active Labor Market Policies: A Review*

Veronica Escudero (ILO)  
*Cross-Country Evidence on Active Labor Market Policies*

*Minimum Wages, Unemployment Insurance and Employment Protection Legislation*

4.30-5.15: Sabina Dewan (JustJobs Network)  
Ekkehard Ernst (ILO)  
Romain Duval (IMF)

**Summing-up**

5.15-5.30 Laurence Ball (Johns Hopkins University)