Health and Human Capital

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In modern, knowledge-based economies the connection between health and labor productivity is less obvious than it has been historically. While the movement toward increasingly sedentary jobs may have mitigated the impact of physical health limitations on productivity, other problems, such as productivity losses from mental disorders and risky health behaviors, are becoming increasingly relevant.

This workshop will provide a forum for empirical researchers in the fields of health, education, and labor economics or related disciplines to discuss these issues. We are especially interested in the relationships between health and human capital. Health is a crucial determinant of the development of cognitive and non-cognitive skills. At the same time, these skills may also influence health outcomes. Similarly, health and human capital determine and interact with individual labor market outcomes.

Possible topics for paper submissions include:

- Relationships between health and human capital
- Formation of cognitive and non-cognitive skills, mental health
- Intergenerational transmission of health and human capital
- Health and labor market outcomes
- Employability

Keynote Lecture: Janet Currie (Columbia University)

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Regular participants whose papers are accepted for presentation will receive funding for basic travel costs (flight/train ticket & hotel for the duration of the conference) upon notification. However, each participant will have to pay the conference fee of 115 euros. This fee covers all meals and conference materials.

Contributions (papers or abstracts) should be submitted as a PDF file to health@zew.de.

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Notification of successful submissions: May 10, 2011

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