In most OECD countries, the dynamics of labour supply and demand increased considerably in the past decades. On the supply side, the educational level of the workforce has been increasing continuously but mismatch in level and field remains persistent for many. Moreover, there have been huge changes in skill structure of labour supply due to the greying of the working population and migration. On the demand side, employers have been increasing their skill demand and shifting their demand towards specific types of skills, such as cognitive and social skills. Such changes are driven by technological and organisational changes as well as by globalisation, and they affect workers’ training needs firms’ production processes and nation’s occupational structure and the skill content within occupations. From a scientific and policy perspective, it is important to better understand how the allocation of the skills supplied by the labour force to the skills demanded by the employers can be optimized.

On November 16 and 17 2018, the Maastricht University Research Centre for Education and the Labour Market (ROA) organises a workshop on the topic of Dynamics of skills supply and demand. Invited lectures will be given by Eric Hanushek (Stanford), Anna Salomons (Utrecht University School of Economics), and Zsófia Bárány (Sciences Po).

We invite you to present a paper related to this topic. Your paper should address one of the following themes:

- Changes in skills and tasks in today’s labour market (worker and employer perspective)
- Automation and substitution of labour
- Globalisation and its effect on skill demand and supply
- Mismatch between skill supply and demand
- Changes in skill demand and implications for the educational system
- Changing demand for skills and lifelong learning

Please send your paper or extended abstract to Didier Fouarge (d.fouarge@maastrichtuniversity.nl) before May 25th, mentioning Dynamics of Skills Supply and Demand on the subject line. We will let you know whether your paper has been selected for presentation ultimately June 15th.

Participants
We aim at a maximum of 50 participants. Participation is free of charge. Travel and accommodation costs will not be covered.

Date
16 and 17 November 2018.

Venue

Organising committee
Didier Fouarge, Andries de Grip, Thomas Dohmen
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