

SCIENTIFIC WORKSHOP ON PRODUCTIVITY

Day 1: 24. August 2026

DIW Berlin, Anton-Wilhelm-Amo-Straße 58, Berlin

11:45



Registration and Welcome Lunch

12:30

Session 1: Labor Frictions and Labor Reallocation

Routine-biased Costs of Labor Reallocation

Yuchen Mo Guo, ifo Institute

Discussion: Thilo Kroeger, DIW Berlin

13:10

Non-Convergence of East German Wages: Effects of Skill Shortage on Firm Organization

Johannes Gönsch, Goethe University Frankfurt

Discussion: Jonas Gathen, Tilburg University

13:50

Worker Mobility and the Diffusion of Radical Technologies

Stephan Hobler, London School of Economics

Discussion: Michael Kogler, GCEE

14:30



Coffee Break

Session 2: Productivity Spillovers and Value Chains

14:55

Localized Productivity Spillovers from Large Investment Projects: Micro Evidence on Place-Based Industrial Policy

Tomaso Duso, DIW Berlin

Discussion: Philipp-Leo Mengel, Institute for European Policymaking, Bocconi University

15:35

Productivity Spillovers through Labor Mobility: Evidence from Firm Networks

Mark van der Plaats, CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis

Discussion: Luise Woda, GCEE

16:15

R&D Employment Spillovers in Trade and MNE Networks: Evidence from a R&D Tax Reform

Björn T. Arnarson, Rockwool Research Foundation, University of Copenhagen

Discussion: Jan Schymik, University of Mannheim

17:10

Keynote: Daniel Yi Xu

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Day 2: 25. August 2026

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Session 3: Innovation Policy - Subsidies and Grants

08:30 Innovation Grants and Firm Outcomes: Evidence from an EU-Funded Programme in Portugal

Paulo Henrique Barbosa, ISEG Research, Lisbon University

Discussion: Björn Arnarson, Rockwool Research Foundation, University of Copenhagen

09:10 The Tyranny of Corporate Control: Subsidies and Ownership Structure

Philipp-Leo Mengel, Institute for European Policymaking, Bocconi University

Discussion: Yuchen Mo Guo, ifo Institute

09:50



Coffee Break

Session 4: Productivity Dynamics

10:15 The Productivity Dynamics of Different Laggard Firms: New Insights from the OECD Multi-Prod Project

Martin Reinhard, OECD

Discussion: Mark van der Plaat, CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis

10:55 On the Importance of Manufacturing Order Books

Jan Schymik, University of Mannheim

Discussion: Svetlana Rujin, European Central Bank

11:35 Unleashing Productivity Growth in the Age of Digitalisation - Evidence from German SMEs

Thomas Niebel, ZEW Mannheim

Discussion: Charlotte Rochell, GCEE

12:15



Lunch

Session 5: Technical Change, AI, and Growth

13:00 The Macroeconomic Significance of AI: The Latest GPT, or Is this Time Different?

Svetlana Rujin, European Central Bank

Discussion: Stephan Hobler, London School of Economics

13:40 Directed Technical Change, Labor Frictions, and Productivity: The Just Transition as Innovation Policy

Tunç Durmaz, Yildiz Technical University Istanbul

Discussion: Sylwia Bialek-Gregory, EWI

14:20 Making a Growth Miracle: Historical Persistence and the Dynamics of Development

Jonas Gathen, Tilburg University

Discussion: Alexandros Gilch, GCEE