

100 Years of Minimum Wage Regulation

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Organisers: Simon Deakin and Francis Green

Programme

Thursday 13 December

1.30 – 1.45 Registration

1.45 – 2.00 Welcome by Organisers
Francis Green

2.00 – 3.30

The Effects of Minimum Wages on Employment and Wages: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in China

Jing Wang and Morley Gunderson (Toronto)

Minimum Wage and Older Workers

Tony Fang (York, Canada) and Morley Gunderson (Toronto)

Publication Selection Bias in Minimum-Wage Research? A Meta-regression Analysis

Chris Doucouliagos (Deakin, Australia) and T.D. Stanley (Hendrix College, USA)

3.30 – 4.00 Coffee

4.00 – 5.30

The Effects of Minimum Wage Regulation in Latin America

Samuel Freije (Universidad de las Américas, Mexico)

Minimum Wages and Youth Employment: Evidence from the Finnish Retail Trade Sector

Petri Böckerman and Roope Usitalo (Labour Institute for Economic Research, Finland)

The pay composition of the low-paid : An analysis from 1997- 2006
Geoff White (University of Greenwich), *Mouna Kehil and Heather Holt* (Low Pay Commission)

Friday 14 December

9.00 – 10.30

Nothing New under the Sun
David Metcalf (LSE)

The Trade Boards Act of 1909 and the Alleviation of Household Poverty
George R. Boyer and Jessica S. Bean (Cornell)

Curse or Cure? The 1909 Trade Boards Act and Contested Solutions to the problem of Low Pay
Sheila Blackburn (Liverpool)

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee

11.00 – 12.30

Minimum Wage Regulation under Devolution: Northern Ireland up to 1939
Boyd Black (Queen's University Belfast)

The Internationalization of Minimum Wage Legislation: 1896-1925
Robert E. Prash (Middlebury College)

The state in Industrial Relations in Balancing the Minimum Wage in Turkey and the USA
Ruya Gokhan Kocer and Jelle Visser (University of Amsterdam)

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

Friday 14 December

13.30 – 15.00

The Process of Fixing the British National Minimum Wage
Willy Brown (Cambridge)

Minimum Wage in Three Neo-Liberal Settings: Rationale and Processes
Alex De Ruyter (Birmingham), *John Burges* (New Castle, Australia), *Peter Waring* (New Castle, Australia) and *Tonia Warnecke* (Notre Dame, USA)

Minimum Wages in Australia and Britain: a Tale of Two Commissions
Kevin Purse (University of South Australia)

15:00 – 15.30 Coffee

Friday 14 December

15.30 – 17.00

The Productivity-Enhancing Impacts of the Minimum Wage: Lessons from Denmark, New Zealand and Ireland

Colm McLaughlin (*Cambridge*)

Did the UK Minimum Wage Affect Prices?

Jonathan Wadsworth (*Royal Holloway, London and CEP*)

Doing the Impossible: Showing the Minimum Wage is a Good Idea, and Using Institutional Economics to Do It (to be confirmed)

Bruce Kaufman (*Georgia State University*)