

Measuring Human Capital

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Contents:

It is well recognized that the stock of human capital affects the level of per-capita output in an economy. Whether the effect arises because human capital is an ordinary input in the economy's production function or because the effect manifests itself through the enhancement of total factor productivity are largely empirical issues. The notion that an economy that forms a large quantity of human capital will have a higher per-capita output than an economy that forms a small quantity of human capital can safely be taken as given, requiring little, if any, additional inquiry.

Nevertheless, there is not wide agreement among experts about the definition of human capitals or how to measure it. Accountants, economists, human resource professionals, and researchers all have an interest in measuring human capital but each approach it differently.

The main aims of this session are, therefore, to discuss, compare and contrast the methods used to estimation of HC and to explore future changes in the development of such methods.

Papers that address these issues are welcome.

- Theoretical issues concerning the methods of HC estimation
- Applications of the different methods used in real data and survey
- Comparisons and contrasts between various estimation methods
- Limits of the methods currently available
- Proposal of development of monitoring systems of Evaluation in the field of (public distributor of) Education, based on HC

Organisation of the call for papers:

An abstract (max 250 words) should be sent to Piergiorgio Lovaglio (piergiorgio.lovaglio@unimib.it) by February 10, 2008. The abstract should clearly specify: a) the motivations for the study, b) the aims of the paper, c) the nature of the data used, d) the methods used and e) any findings or results, if available. Please indicate also your name, your e-mail address, your institutional affiliation and up to three keywords.

Notification of the accepted papers will be given by e-mail by the end of March 2008. A draft of the paper must be sent to Piergiorgio Lovaglio (piergiorgio.lovaglio@unimib.it) by July 10, 2008.

Authors of accepted papers will be required to register for the conference and to present their paper orally.