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SCIENTIFIC WORKSHOP ON PRODUCTIVITY

Day 1: 24. August 2026

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

11:45 **Registration and Welcome Lunch**

Session 1: Labor Frictions and Labor Reallocation

12:30 **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 Plaat, 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