

ITS Webinar

The Future of Remote Work


Overview

Academic

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Length: 60 minutes

Time: October 23, 2020, 10:00 EST (16:00 CET)

Structure: 2 presentations followed by Q&A

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Presentation 1

Title: COVID-19 and the Future of Remote Work

Abstract: Evaluating the economic impact of social distancing measures taken to arrest the spread of COVID-19 raises a number of fundamental questions about the modern economy: How many jobs can be performed at home? What share of total wages are paid to such jobs? How does the scope for working from home vary across occupations, cities, industries, and countries?

This presentation will present the results of research on the effect of COVID-19 on remote work and considers the long term implications for the future of work after the pandemic.

Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Dingel
Associate Professor, Booth School of Business, University of Chicago

Bio: Jonathan Dingel is an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, a Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research, and a Research Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research.

Professor Dingel's research focuses on spatial variation in the amount and nature of economic activity across neighborhoods, cities, and countries. In recent work,

he has studied the scope for telecommuting, using satellite images to define cities, and how the global climate affects agricultural trade. At Booth, Dingel teaches Managing the Firm in the Global Economy.

Professor Dingel received the 2014 World Trade Organization Essay Award for Young Economists. He earned his Ph.D. in economics from Columbia University in 2014. He received an M.Phil. in economics with Distinction from the University of Oxford in 2008 and an Honors B.A. in economics and political science from Gonzaga University in 2006.

Presentation 2

Title: Telecommunications Networks During COVID-19

Abstract: Looking broadly across countries highlights that high quality telecom networks are a necessary condition for effective public health and economic responses to COVID-19. In particular, strong networks have underpinned the success and broad acceptance of lockdown measures by enabling substantial continuation of work, education, and socialization, notwithstanding physical distancing. Fast, reliable, far-reaching telecommunications networks are necessary to limit the spread of COVID-19 and strengthen the ability of countries to deal with its ongoing impact.

This presentation will review international evidence on the performance of telecom networks during the pandemic, including speed, reliability, and reach. It will also outline the role of telecom networks as a necessary condition for effective public health and economic responses to COVID-19 across countries.

Speaker: Joe Rowsell
Regulatory Affairs Director, TELUS Communications

Bio: Joe Rowsell is a Regulatory Affairs Director at TELUS where he works with internal and external experts and provides advice on key telecom policy and regulatory issues.

Previously, Joe was a project director at the Council of Canadian Academics where he led expert panel research projects and a senior economist at the Research Development Corporation where he designed industrial R&D programs.

Joe has an M.Phil. in Economics from Oxford University.

Moderator: Joe Rowsell

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