



Investigating the Effect of Higher Education Careers on Labor Market Outcomes: Evidences from the University of Florence

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Description

What is the effect of holding a university degree on different possible labor market outcomes? This article addresses this question by looking at credentialism and overeducation phenomena which have been extensively explored by the sociological, marxian, and human capital approaches. To do so, a novel dataset is constructed by means of disaggregated administrative data. The dataset matches individual-level data on the career of students at the University of Florence, Italy, with records on employment contracts for the same students from the Italian Ministry of Labor. Hence, a survival analysis for ordered events is employed in order to estimate the probability of stipulating hierarchical-ranked types of employment contracts. Unsurprisingly, it turns out that being graduated make students more likely to obtain a higher-skilled contract. Nonetheless, final grade, age, and other usual degree-related information do not seem to play a substantial and significant role for explaining individuals' labor market outcomes.