



Workforce Development Needs in the Global Economy: US and Cross-National Perspectives

Friday, December 6, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Atlantic Council Headquarters

Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**

9:00 - 9:10 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**

Frances Burwell, *Vice President and Director, Program on Transatlantic Relations*, Atlantic Council

Douglas Besharov, *Professor*, University of Maryland School of Public Policy; *Senior Fellow*, Atlantic Council

9:10 - 10:05 a.m. **Continuing High Unemployment and the Skills Gap**

- **Skill Mismatches in Contemporary Labor Markets: How Real? What Remedies?**
[Paper](#) | [Presentation](#)
 - **Harry Holzer**, *Professor*, Georgetown University; *Senior Research Fellow*, American Institutes for Research
- **Manufacturing Skill Gaps and the American Skill Production System: An Assessment**
[Paper I, II](#) | [Presentation](#)
 - **Andrew Weaver**, *Task Force on Production in the Innovative Economy*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- **Janesville, Wisconsin: A Ground-Level View**
[Paper](#) | [Presentation](#)
 - **Amy Goldstein**, *National Social Policy Reporter*, Washington Post

10:05 - 10:45 a.m. **Comparative Workforce Development Policy**

- **Perspectives from Europe on Combining Education and Employment Strategies to Improve Workforce Development**
[ETF](#) | [Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion](#) | [Education & Culture](#)
 - **Valerie Rouxel-Laxton**, *Head of Economic and Financial Affairs*, Delegation of the European Union in the US
- **Training our Future: Skilled Workers and the Revival of American Manufacturing**
[Paper](#)
 - **Alexei Monsarrat**, *Senior Fellow and former Director of Global Business & Economics Program*, Atlantic Council

10:45 a.m.

Break

10:55 - 11:35 a.m.

Employer-Led Training

- **Should Employer-Led Training be the Framework for Workforce Development?**

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- **Robert Lerman**, *Professor, American University; Fellow in Labor and Social Policy, Urban Institute*

- **Cooperative Employer Networking to Enhance Workforce Development Programs**

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- **Peter Wunsch**, *Senior Business Developer, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)*

11:35 - 12:15 p.m.

Soft and Basic Skills

- **Prospects for Fostering the Development of 21st Century Skills Among Disadvantaged Youth and Adults in the US**

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- **David Fein**, *Principal Associate, Abt Associates*

- **The Missing Element—Work Habits—and Efforts to Overcome these Limitations through Interventions by New York City**

- **Jason Turner**, *Executive Director, Secretary's Innovation Group*

- **Reactions**

- **Anthony Carnevale**, *Research Professor and Director, Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce*

12:15 – 12:55 p.m.

The Role of Government

- **Targeting Workforce Development Programs: Who Should Receive What Services? And How Much?**

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- **Carolyn Heinrich**, *Professor; Director of the Center for Health and Social Policy, University of Texas*

- **Systematic Learning About What Works in Workforce Development**

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- **Jacob Klerman**, *Senior Fellow, Abt Associates*

12:55 - 1:00 p.m.

Conclusions and the Way Forward

Douglas Besharov

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Related Papers

- **Improving the U.S. Workforce System by Transforming Its Performance Measurement System** ([PDF](#))
 - **Randall W. Eberts**, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research
- **Public Financing of Workforce Services for Incumbent Workers?** ([PDF](#))
 - **Kevin Hollenbeck**, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research