

Economics 270c
Development Economics

Lecture 11 – April 3, 2007

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- Referee report #3 has been graded and will be passed back at the end of class today
- I will collect problem set #1 during the break
- I will pass out problem set #2 next week
- Please come by my office hours to discuss your 7-8 page research proposal (due May 8th)

Lecture 11 outline

- (1) Human capital in economic development
- (2) Krueger and Lindahl (2001) on education and macroeconomic growth
- (3) Duflo (2001) on the returns to schooling in Indonesia

(1) Human capital in economic development

- There have been massive increases in literacy and schooling attainment around the world – Africa, Asia, Latin America – during the past 50 years
- At the regional level, increased schooling does not line up well with faster economic growth rates. E.g., Sub-Saharan Africa versus South Asia

| | Human development index (HDI) value | Life expectancy at birth (years) | Adult literacy rate (% ages 15 and above) | Combined gross enrolment ratio for primary, secondary and tertiary schools (%) | GDP per capita (PPP US\$) |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|
| HDI rank ^a | 2003 | 2003 | 2003 ^b | 2002/03 ^c | 2003 |
| Developing countries | 0.694 | 65.0 | 76.6 | 63 | 4,359 |
| Least developed countries | 0.518 | 52.2 | 54.2 | 45 | 1,328 |
| Arab States | 0.679 | 67.0 | 64.1 | 62 | 5,685 |
| East Asia and the Pacific | 0.768 | 70.5 | 90.4 | 69 | 5,100 |
| Latin America and the Caribbean | 0.797 | 71.9 | 89.6 | 81 | 7,404 |
| South Asia | 0.628 | 63.4 | 58.9 | 56 | 2,897 |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | 0.515 | 46.1 | 61.3 | 50 | 1,856 |
| Central and Eastern Europe and the CIS | 0.802 | 68.1 | 99.2 | 83 | 7,939 |
| OECD | 0.892 | 77.7 | .. | 89 | 25,915 |
| High-income OECD | 0.911 | 78.9 | .. | 95 | 30,181 |

| HDI rank | GDP | | | | | | Annual growth rate | |
|--|---------------|------------|----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|--|
| | PPP US\$ | | GDP per capita | | 1975–2003 | | 1990–2003 | |
| | US\$ billions | billions | US\$ | PPP US\$ | | | | |
| 2003 | 2003 | 2003 | 2003 | 2003 | 1975–2003 | 1990–2003 | | |
| Developing countries | 6,981.9 T | 21,525.4 T | 1,414 | 4,359 | 2.3 | 2.9 | | |
| Least developed countries | 221.4 T | 895.1 T | 329 | 1,328 | 0.7 | 2.0 | | |
| Arab States | 773.4 T | 1,683.6 T | 2,611 | 5,685 | 0.2 | 1.0 | | |
| East Asia and the Pacific | 2,893.6 T | 9,762.2 T | 1,512 | 5,100 | 6.0 | 5.6 | | |
| Latin America and the Caribbean | 1,745.9 T | 3,947.0 T | 3,275 | 7,404 | 0.6 | 1.1 | | |
| South Asia | 902.2 T | 4,235.9 T | 617 | 2,897 | 2.6 | 3.5 | | |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | 418.5 T | 1,227.4 T | 633 | 1,856 | -0.7 | 0.1 | | |
| Central and Eastern Europe and the CIS | 1,189.9 T | 3,203.5 T | 2,949 | 7,939 | .. | 0.3 | | |
| OECD | 29,650.5 T | 29,840.6 T | 25,750 | 25,915 | 2.0 | 1.8 | | |
| High-income OECD | 28,369.5 T | 27,601.9 T | 31,020 | 30,181 | 2.2 | 1.9 | | |

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- At the regional level, increased schooling does not line up well with faster economic growth rates. E.g., Sub-Saharan Africa versus South Asia
- This is consistent with the view that institutions / technology “A” matter more for growth than physical / human capital investments. But in the short-run boosting capital could still increase income levels

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- Next week: which inputs lead to more educational production? What does the education production function look like?
- In many poor countries, education spending is the largest single recurrent discretionary budget expenditure item. E.g., in Ghana in the late 1990s, education was 35% of discretionary expenditures

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- Costs: Opportunity cost of time studying; tuition costs
- Potential agency issues within the household

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- This has been run in literally dozens of countries, and estimates of b_1 usually fall in the range 0.05-0.15
- Reliably estimating this equation has been central to labor economics for 30+ years. Possible upward selection / omitted variables bias, and possible downward attenuation bias due to measurement error

(1) Measurement error and attenuation bias

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- We want to run the regression $Y_j = a + bX_j^* + e_j$ but due to data limitations have to run $Y_j = \alpha + \beta X_j + \varepsilon_j$

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- Bias towards zero, as a function of the signal-noise ratio, i.e., if half the variance of X is noise, the bias is 50%

(1) IV and local average treatment effects

- Another important issue in estimating the returns to schooling arises when using instrumental variables (IV): most IV approaches that rely on exogenous shifts in attained schooling identify effects only for the population affected by the shift in attainment (Angrist, Imbens and Rubin 1996) → local average treatment effect (LATE)

(1) Returns to schooling in poor countries

- Given these concerns over identification, measurement error, and external validity, few studies in developing countries have rigorously estimated returns to schooling in less developed countries. How should we interpret Mincerian regressions?
 - Duflo (2001) is a notable exception
- Using Mincerian regressions, Paul Schultz has found quite low “returns” to primary schooling across multiple African countries in recent years, although reasonably high returns to secondary schooling

(2) Krueger and Lindahl (2001)

- Some researchers have focused on the macroeconomic evidence using cross-country regression methods
- One possible advantage of the macro approach is the ability to capture social benefits of schooling, e.g., labor productivity spillovers missed using individual data
 - This would suggest macro estimates should be larger than micro estimates
 - From a policy point of view, social benefits are more important to understand than private benefits

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- The micro Mincerian regression for person i in country j at time t is: $\ln(w_{ijt}) = b_{0jt} + b_{1jt}S_{ijt} + e_{ijt}$
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- Now consider changes in log per capita income:

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• The coefficient estimate on lagged schooling reflects changes in the returns to schooling over time. It is unclear a priori what sign this should have. The Romer (1990) model predicts a positive sign

• Lucas (1988) predicts that increases in an accumulable factor like human capital is associated with higher income, so $b_{1jt} > 0$ (especially considering social returns)

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- Existing cross-country studies regressing income growth on human capital find positive impacts of lagged schooling stocks on growth, but small and not very large effects of changes in educational attainment, say 4% per year of schooling – not what we would expect

5% - 15%
private returns
to schooling

TABLE 1
 REPLICATION AND EXTENSION OF BENHABIB AND SPIEGEL (1994)
 DEPENDENT VARIABLE: ANNUALIZED CHANGE IN LOG GDP, 1965–85

| Variable | Log Schooling | | | Linear Schooling | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| $\Delta \text{Log } S$ | -.072 (.058) | .178 (.112) | .614 (.162) | — | — | — |
| $\text{Log } S_{65}$ | — | .010 (.004) | .026 (.005) | — | — | — |
| ΔS | — | — | — | .012 (.023) | .039 (.024) | .151 (.034) |
| S_{65} | — | — | — | — | .003 (.001) | .004 (.001) |
| $\checkmark \text{Log } Y_{65}$ | -.009 (.002) | -.012 (.002) | -.015 (.003) | -.008 (.002) | -.014 (.002) | -.014 (.004) |
| $\checkmark \Delta \text{Log Capital}$ | .523 (.048) | .461 (.052) | — | .521 (.051) | .465 (.052) | — |
| $\checkmark \Delta \text{Log Work Force}$ | .175 (.164) | .232 (.160) | — | .110 (.160) | .335 (.167) | — |
| R^2 | .694 | .720 | .291 | .688 | .726 | .271 |

Notes: All change variables were divided by 20, including the dependent variable. Sample size is 78 countries. Standard errors are in parentheses. All equations also include an intercept. S_{65} is Kyriacou's measure of schooling in 1965; $\Delta \text{Log } S$ is the change in log schooling between 1965 and 1985, divided by 20; and Y_{65} is GDP per capita in 1965. Mean of the dependent variable is .039; standard deviation of dependent variable is .020.

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- Existing cross-country studies regressing income growth on human capital find positive impacts of lagged schooling stocks on growth, but small and not very large effects of changes in educational attainment, say 4% per year of schooling – not what we would expect
- Are the micro estimates just hopeless biased (upwards) by omitted variables / selection?
- Or could measurement error in national educational data be to blame?

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- Sources of measurement error in macro education data:
 - Differences in the quality of schooling across countries (e.g., there are big differences even across U.S. towns)
 - The widely used UNESCO database, based on Ministry of Education statistics. These may be unreliable due to a lack of trained statistical personnel, resources
 - UNESCO data use enrollment at start of school year
 - Children educated abroad not counted
- Measurement error may be exacerbated in first differenced specifications, like growth regressions

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- Consider the first differenced regression equivalent to our example above, now ΔY_i on ΔX_i . The estimate of the key coefficient β becomes:

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- First differencing exacerbates attenuation when there is more serial correlation in schooling than in measurement error – this is likely. “Differencing out” signal leaves noise

(2) Krueger and Lindahl (2001)

- Eliminating “signal” from the key explanatory variable by including additional controls can also exacerbate measurement error
- The relative R^2 's of the regressions with and without additional controls determines the extent of attenuation bias towards zero due to these controls

(2) Krueger and Lindahl (2001)

- The existence of two different cross-country education series (Barro and Lee; Kyriacou) allows them to validate the accuracy of the data. Assume that there is classical measurement error in both series. A higher correlation between the two series → greater reliability
- These data series are quite highly correlated in levels, but much less so in first differences. There appears to be substantial measurement error in the first differenced education series, likely leading to considerable attenuation bias in the growth regressions
- Reliability ratio captures the extent of attenuation bias

TABLE 2
RELIABILITY OF VARIOUS MEASURES OF YEARS OF SCHOOLING

| A. Estimated Reliability Ratios for Barro-Lee and Kyriacou Data | Reliability of Barro-Lee Data | Reliability of Kyriacou Data |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Average years of schooling, 1965 | .851 (.049) | .964 (.055) |
| Average years of schooling, 1985 | .773 (.055) | .966 (.069) |
| ✓ Change in years of schooling, 1965–85 | .577 (.199) | .195 (.067) |

| B. Estimated Reliability Ratios for Barro-Lee and World Values Survey Data | Reliability of Barro-Lee Data | Reliability of WVS Data |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Average years of schooling, 1990 | .903 (.115) | .727 (.093) |
| Average years of secondary and higher schooling, 1990 | .719 (.167) | .512 (.119) |

$\frac{Cov(S_1, S_2)}{Var(S_1)}$ $\frac{Cov(S_1, S_2)}{Var(S_2)}$

Notes: The estimated reliability ratios are the slope coefficients from a bivariate regression of one measure of schooling on the other. For example, the .851 entry in the first row is the slope coefficient from a regression in which the dependent variable is Kyriacou's schooling variable and the independent variable is Barro-Lee's schooling variable. The .964 ratio in the second column is estimated from the reverse regression. In panel B, the reliability ratios are estimated by comparing the Barro-Lee and WVS data. In the WVS data set, secondary and higher schooling is defined as years of schooling attained *after 8 years of schooling*.

Sample size for panel A is 68 countries. Sample size for panel B is 34 countries. Standard errors are reported in parentheses.

(2) Krueger and Lindahl (2001)

- Examine the relationship between economic growth and education growth over different time periods. Since the underlying stock of education is slow moving, over shorter intervals Ω is likely to be larger thus exacerbating measurement error
- Using the best data, a longer time period, and correcting for likely attenuation bias yields a return to additional year of education attained (on average) of 30%

20 yrs.

TABLE 3
THE EFFECT OF SCHOOLING ON GROWTH
DEPENDENT VARIABLE: ANNUALIZED CHANGE IN LOG GDP PER CAPITA

| | 5-year changes | | | 10-year changes | | | 20-year changes | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
| S_{t-1} | .004 (.001) | — | .004 (.001) | .003 (.001) | — | .004 (.001) | .005 (.001) | — | .005 (.001) |
| ΔS | — | .031 (.015) | .039 (.014) | — | .075 (.026) | .086 (.024) | — | .184 (.057) | .182 (.051) |
| $\text{Log } Y_{t-1}$ | -.005 (.003) | .004 (.002) | -.006 (.003) | -.003 (.003) | .004 (.001) | -.005 (.003) | -.010 (.003) | -.001 (.002) | -.013 (.003) |
| R^2 | .197 | .161 | .207 | .242 | .229 | .284 | .184 | .103 | .281 |
| N | 607 | 607 | 607 | 292 | 292 | 292 | 97 | 97 | 97 |

Notes: First six columns include time dummies. Equations were estimated by OLS. The standard errors in the first six columns allow for correlated errors for the same country in different time periods. Maximum number of countries is 110. Columns 1-3 consist of changes for 1960-65, 1965-70, 1970-75, 1975-80, 1980-85, 1985-90. Columns 4-6 consist of changes for 1960-70, 1970-80, 1980-90. Columns 7-9 consist of changes for 1965-85. Y_{t-1} and S_{t-1} are the log GDP per capita and level of schooling in the initial year of each period. ΔS is the change in schooling between $t-1$ and t divided by the number of years in the period. Data are from Summers and Heston and Barro and Lee. Mean (and standard deviation) of annualized per capita GDP growth is .021 (.033) for columns 1-3, .022 (.026) for columns 4-6, and .022 (.020) for columns 7-9.

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18% / 0.577 = 30%
- Is this really the social return to education – or due to endogeneity / omitted variables?

“Education,” as Harbison and Myers (1965) stress, “is both the seed and the flower of economic development.” It is difficult to separate the causal effect of education from the positive income demand for education in cross-country data over long time periods. N. G.

(3) Duflo (2001, AER)

- The ideal experiment would randomize educational chances (by varying costs, perhaps) across individuals, as well as across regions, to estimate externalities
- Duflo (2001) is the most reliable estimate of returns to education in a less developed country
- Studies the impact of a massive school building campaign in Indonesia during the oil-rich 1970s. What impact did this expansion have on later schooling attainment? On later wages?

(3) Duflo (2001, AER)

- Between 1973-1978 the government built 61,000 additional primary schools, doubling the number of classrooms in the country. The number of teachers also increased by 43% (!) during this period. This could be thought of as a sharp drop in the price of primary education for many households (e.g., travel costs)
- Poor areas were supposed to be targeted, but not exactly following the formula – schools were supposed to be built in proportion to the number of children out of school in 1973 (Table 2)

TABLE 2—THE ALLOCATION OF SCHOOLS

| | Log(INPRES schools) ^a |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Log of number of children aged 5–14 in the region | 0.78 (0.027) |
| Log(1 – enrollment rate in primary school in 1973) ^b | 0.12 (0.038) |
| Number of observations | 255 |
| R^2 | 0.78 |

Notes: Standard errors are in parentheses.

^a The dependent variable is the log of the number of INPRES schools built between 1973 and 1978.

^b The enrollment rate in primary school is the number of children enrolled in primary school in 1973 (obtained from the Ministry of Education and Culture) divided by the number of children aged 5–14 in the region in 1973.

(3) Duflo (2001, AER)

- Focuses on the 1995 labor market outcomes of men born between 1950-1972 (using the SUPAS intercensal household survey)
- *Cohorts* Difference in differences strategy: compare children too old to benefit to those who benefited from the program, across areas with more versus fewer schools built
- IV-2SLS estimation:
School construction → educational attainment → wages

(3) Duflo (2001, AER)

- Consider the impact of the program on school attainment in the first stage:

$$S_{ijk} = c + \alpha_j + \beta_k + (P_j^* T_j) \gamma + (Z_j^* T_j) \delta + \varepsilon_{ijk}$$

where S is the amount of schooling for an individual i , in region j and age cohort k . Let c be a constant, α_j be an indicator for district of individual birth, β_k be cohort indicator variables, P_j denotes program intensity in region j , Z_j are other regional controls, and T is an indicator taking on a value of one if the individual was young enough to benefit from the program

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- An identification concern is the exclusion restriction: other targeted programs in the same areas
- Would there have been convergence / divergence across regions even in the absence of the school-building program?
- The performance of older cohorts in programs districts serves as a sort of internal control to capture local trends
- Bottom line: returns to schooling in Indonesia in 1995 between 5-10% per year

TABLE 4—EFFECT OF THE PROGRAM ON EDUCATION AND WAGES: COEFFICIENTS OF THE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN COHORT DUMMIES AND THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS CONSTRUCTED PER 1,000 CHILDREN IN THE REGION OF BIRTH

| | First stage | | | Reduced form | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Years of education | | | Log(hourly wage) | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Panel A: Experiment of Interest: Individuals Aged 2 to 6 in 1974 (Youngest cohort: Individuals ages 2 to 6 in 1974) | Observations | | | | | |
| Whole sample | 78,470 | 0.124 (0.0250) | 0.15 (0.0260) | 0.188 (0.0289) | $\frac{0.027}{0.259} = 10\%$ | |
| Sample of wage earners | 31,061 | 0.196 (0.0424) | 0.199 (0.0429) | 0.259 (0.0499) | 0.0147 (0.00729) | 0.0172 (0.00737) |
| Panel B: Control Experiment: Individuals Aged 12 to 24 in 1974 (Youngest cohort: Individuals ages 12 to 17 in 1974) | Observations | | | | | |
| Whole sample | 78,488 | 0.0093 (0.0260) | 0.0176 (0.0271) | 0.0075 (0.0297) | $\frac{0.0147}{0.196} = 7\%$ | 0.0270 (0.00850) |
| Sample of wage earners | 30,225 | 0.012 (0.0474) | 0.024 (0.0481) | 0.079 (0.0555) | 0.0031 (0.00798) | 0.00399 (0.00809) |
| Control variables: | | | | | | |
| Year of birth*enrollment rate in 1971 | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| Year of birth*water and sanitation program | No | No | Yes | No | No | Yes |

Notes: All specifications include region of birth dummies, year of birth dummies, and interactions between the year of birth dummies and the number of children in the region of birth (in 1971). The number of observations listed applies to the specification in columns (1) and (4). Standard errors are in parentheses.

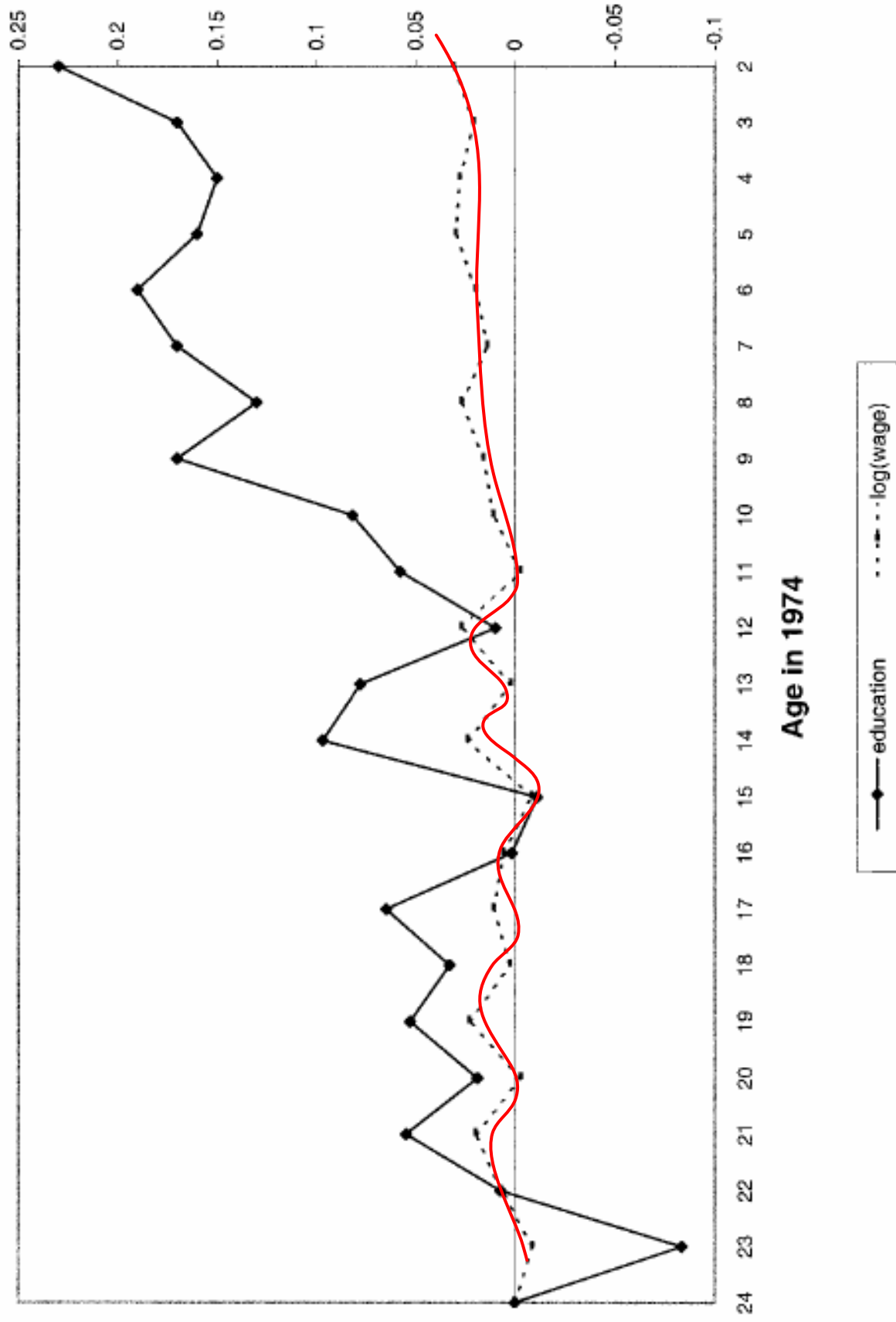


FIGURE 3. COEFFICIENTS OF THE INTERACTIONS AGE IN 1974* PROGRAM INTENSITY IN THE REGION OF BIRTH IN THE WAGE AND EDUCATION EQUATIONS

TABLE 7—EFFECT OF EDUCATION ON LABOR MARKET OUTCOMES: OLS AND 2SLS ESTIMATES

| Method | Instrument | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Panel A: Sample of Wage Earners</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Panel A1: Dependent variable: log(hourly wage)</i> | | | | | |
| OLS | | 0.0776 (0.000620) | 0.0777 (0.000621) | 0.0767 (0.000646) | |
| 2SLS | Year of birth dummies*program intensity in region of birth | 0.0675 (0.0280) [0.96] | 0.0809 (0.0272) [0.9] | 0.106 (0.0222) [0.93] | 0.0908 (0.0541) [0.9] |
| 2SLS | (Aged 2–6 in 1974)*program intensity in region of birth | 0.0752 (0.0338) (0.0338) | 0.0862 (0.0336) (0.0336) | 0.104 (0.0304) (0.0304) | |
| <i>Panel A2: Dependent variable: log(monthly earnings)</i> | | | | | |
| OLS | | 0.0698 (0.000601) | 0.0698 (0.000602) | 0.0689 (0.000628) | |
| 2SLS | Year of birth dummies*program intensity in region of birth | 0.0756 (0.0280) [0.73] | 0.0925 (0.0278) [0.63] | 0.0913 (0.0219) [0.58] | 0.134 (0.0631) [0.7] |
| <i>Panel B: Whole Sample</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Panel B1: Dependent variable: participation in the wage sector</i> | | | | | |
| OLS | | 0.0328 (0.00311) | 0.0327 (0.00311) | 0.0337 (0.000319) | |
| 2SLS | Year of birth dummies*program intensity in region of birth | 0.101 (0.0210) [0.66] | 0.118 (0.0197) [0.93] | 0.0892 (0.0162) [1.12] | |
| <i>Panel B2: Dependent variable: log(monthly earnings), imputed for self-employed individuals</i> | | | | | |
| OLS | | 0.0539 (0.000354) | 0.0539 (0.000354) | 0.0539 (0.000355) | |
| 2SLS | Year of birth dummies*program intensity in region of birth | 0.0509 (0.0157) [0.68] | 0.0745 (0.0136) [0.58] | 0.0346 (0.0138) [1.16] | |
| Control variables: | | | | | |
| | Year of birth*enrollment rate in 1971 | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| | Year of birth*water and sanitation program | No | No | Yes | No |
| | Propensity score, propensity score squared | No | No | No | Yes |

9-12% increase in formal in sector

Notes: Year of birth dummies, region of birth dummies, and the interactions between year of birth dummies and the number of children in the region of birth in 1971 are included in the regressions. Standard errors are in parentheses. *F*-statistics of the test of overidentification restrictions are in square brackets.

(3) Duflo (2001, AER)

- Looking ahead to next week:
If education does have sizeable private (and perhaps even larger social) returns, should public resources be spent on education in less developed countries? If so, what types of investments should be made?
- ✓ Pupil-teacher ratios, textbooks, the organization of the school system / teacher's unions. . . .
- ✓ Building a sense of national identity and cohesion is a social return to education that may be very important – but is hard to estimate with microeconomic methods

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