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IZA Prize in Labor Economics goes to Daniel Hamermesh

Daniel S. Hamermesh (University of Texas at Austin and Royal Holloway, University of London) has been selected as this year's recipient of the IZA Prize in Labor Economics in recognition of his fundamental contributions to the analysis of labor demand. Worth 50,000 euros, the prize given by the German Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) is considered the most prestigious international science award in the field. The award ceremony will take place in Washington, DC, on November 18, 2013.

According to the Prize Committee, including among others IZA Director Klaus F. Zimmermann and Nobel laureate George A. Akerlof (University of California, Berkeley), "Hamermesh's research is characterized by a focus on thought-provoking questions, a high level of creativity, and careful combination of theoretical and empirical methods. He has shaped the way other scholars, as well as policy makers, think about some of the key issues in labor economics."

Professor Hamermesh's book "Labor Demand" provides a comprehensive overview of the theoretical contributions and key empirical findings on the topic. He has published nearly 100 refereed papers in scholarly journals, concentrating also on time use, discrimination, academic labor markets and unusual applications of labor economics to beauty, sleep and suicide. As a regular contributor to the Freakonomics blog and through his semi-popular book "Economics Is Everywhere," he illustrates the ubiquity of economics in everyday life and makes his findings accessible to a larger audience.

Daniel S. Hamermesh is Sue Killam Professor in the Foundation of Economics at the University of Texas at Austin and Professor of Economics at Royal Holloway, University of London. He earned his A.B. from the University of Chicago (1965) and his Ph.D. from Yale (1969).

"With his boundless creative energy and uplifting spirit, Dan Hamermesh is a constant source of inspiration for young researchers. He has a unique talent to pose new research questions in labor economics and come up with surprising answers," said IZA Director Zimmermann.

About IZA:

IZA is a private, independent economic research institute and think tank that analyzes the global labor markets and advises national governments and international institutions on labor market policy issues. Founded in 1998, IZA is headquartered in Bonn and runs the world's largest research network in economic science comprising more than 1,200 labor economists from 45 countries.

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About the IZA Prize:

The IZA Prize in Labor Economics is awarded annually since 2002 for outstanding contributions to the advancement of labor economics. It carries a cash prize of 50,000 euros. All laureates contribute a volume to the IZA Prize Book Series published by Oxford University Press.

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