The Economic Growth Centre cordially invites you to a seminar by Dr Cheolsung Park

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Topic : “Does Education Induce Healthy Lifestyle?”

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Time : 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Venue : Executive Seminar Room 3 (S3.1-B1-05)  
Nanyang Business School  
Nanyang Technological University

About the Speaker:

Dr Park is an Assistant Professor in the department of Economics, National University of Singapore. He obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr Park’s research interests are in Labor Economics, Population Economics, Development Economics and Econometrics. He has published several papers in international referred journals such as Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Population Economics and the Economics of Education Review.

Abstract:

In this paper we investigate whether education induces individuals to have healthy lifestyle. To test for causality we instrument education by high school availability and birth order using data of Korean men, and estimate a quadivariate probit model with an endogenous variable using simulated MLE. Our non-IV estimation results indicate strong correlations between education and behaviors of smoking, getting regular checkups, and exercising. Drinking is not significantly correlated to education. Our IV estimation results indicate that increased education induces individuals to get regular health checkups mainly through its effects on job characteristics, and to exercise regularly. We find, however, that education has statistically insignificant effects on smoking and drinking behaviors. We also find that unobserved determinants of health behaviors are correlated, especially between smoking and drinking and between exercising and getting health checkups.

Reservation:

Admission is free. Please reply to Christina, e-mail: achristina@ntu.edu.sg or Tel: 6790-5689 to confirm your attendance.