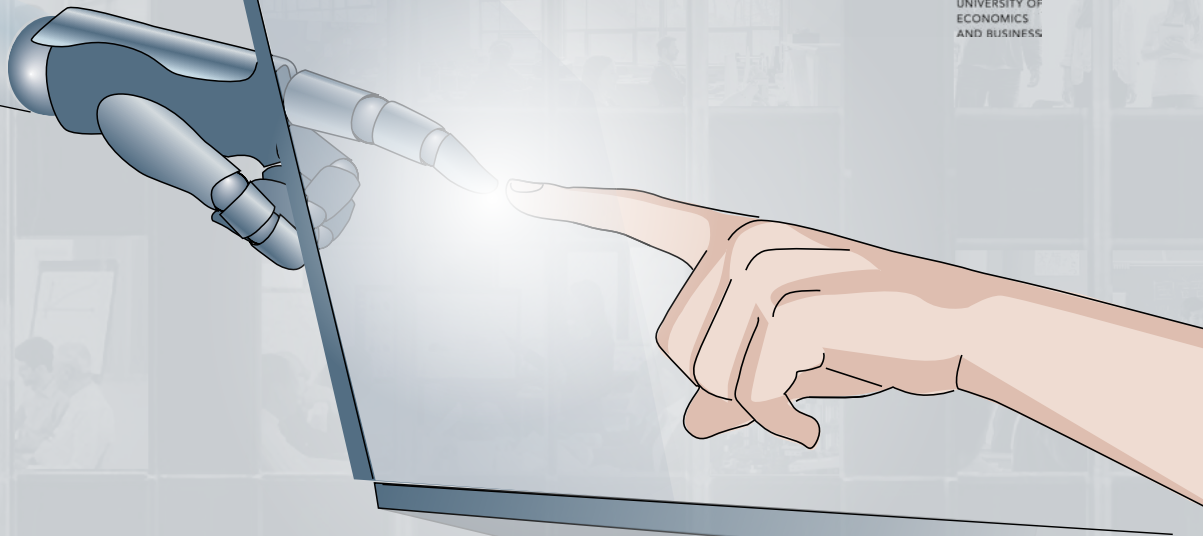




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The
FUTURE
of **WORK**

**Implications for
Equity and Growth
in Europe**

**Presentation of the report and
round table with experts**

**February 26, 2024,
16:00-18:00 hours, CET**

VENUE:

**Clubraum, Library Center, WU Campus,
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Technology is a potent driver of productivity and economic growth and is also reshaping Europe's labor landscape. A new World Bank report, "The Future of Work: Implications for Equity and Growth in Europe", delves into the transformation that technology is causing within European firms, changing their tasks and the skills they require, and widening the gap between highly educated and less-educated workers.

Among the key findings of the report:

- Large and more productive firms adopt more technology, increasing their market size and productivity. This creates a positive link between technology and market concentration.
- Technology enhances productivity and increases the demand for university graduates, intensifying wage gaps between highly educated and other workers.
- Vocational education and training (VET) graduates are more likely to find employment than their peers with a general secondary education degree. However, this advantage fades away within five to seven years of entering the workforce.

How can governments promote technological benefits without amplifying societal divides? This event will explore solutions and recommendations for policymakers.

Join us to discuss options to craft a future where technology's rewards are inclusive, benefiting every level of European society.

AGENDA

16:00-16:30	REGISTRATION	(ensure to arrive at least 15 minutes before the event)	15 mins
16:30	WELCOME	Jesus Crespo Cuaresma, Vienna University of Economics and Business	10 mins
16:40	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION <i>"The Future of Work: Implications for Equity and Growth in Europe"</i>	Leonardo Iacovone, The World Bank Ivan Torre, The World Bank	20 mins
16:55	PANEL DISCUSSION MODERATOR: Andras Szigetvari, Der Standard	Ana Abeliánsky, Vienna University of Economics and Business and Oesterreichische Nationalbank Robert Holzmann, Governor, Oesterreichische Nationalbank Eva Landrichtinger, Secretary General, Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy	40 mins
17:40	Q&A		15 mins
18:00	CONCLUDING REMARKS		5 mins
18:05	SMALL RECEPTION WITH DRINKS		