

Abbreviations

ALMP	active labour market policies
ANFC	Acuerdo Nacional de Formación Continua (National Agreement on Continuing Training – Spain)
AUT	Association of University Teachers (UK)
BHPS	British Household Panel Survey
BIS	Bank of International Settlements
CEPR	Centre for Economic Policy Research (UK)
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CPS	Current Population Survey
DG ECFIN	EU Commission DG for Economic and Financial Affairs
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry (UK)
ECB	European Central Bank
EIRO	European Industrial Relations Observatory
EIRR	European Industrial Relations Review
EMU	Economic and Monetary Union
ESRC	Economic and Social Research Council
ETUC	European Trade Union Confederation
ETUI	European Trade Union Institute
Eurostat	Statistical Office of the European Communities
FE	fixed-effects (model)
FLC	firm-level contract
GDP	gross domestic product
GLS	generalized least squares
GSOEP	German Socio-Economic Panel
ICT	information and communication technology
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IRAP	Imposta Regionale sull' Attività Produttiva
JER	Joint Employment Report
JSA	job search assistance
LDC	less developed country
LO	Landsorganisationen i Sverige (Swedish workers' organization)
MAE	mean absolute error
MEI	main economic indicators

NAIRU	non-accelerating inflation rate of unemployment
NAP	National Action Plan for Employment
NBER	National Bureau of Economic Research (USA)
NDYP	New Deal for Young People
NESP	New Earnings Survey Panel
NI	national insurance
NLSY	National Longitudinal Survey of Youth
NUTEK	Verket för Näringslivsutveckling (Swedish National Board for Industrial and Technical Development)
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OLS	ordinary least squares
ONS	Office of National Statistics
OWW	Occupational Wages around the World
PES	Public Employment Services
PPP	purchasing power parity
PSID	Panel Study of Income Dynamics
QNA	Quarterly National Accounts
RAE	Research Assessment Exercise (UK)
RE	random-effects (model)
RES	Royal Economic Society (UK)
RMSE	root mean square error
SAF	Svenska Arbetsgivareföreningen (Swedish employers' organization)
SIC	Standard Industrial Classification
SIM	Survey on Investment in Manufacturing (Italy)
SME	small and medium-sized enterprise
SNC	sectoral national contract
SOC	Standard Occupational Classification
SURE	seemingly unrelated regression estimation
TQM	total quality management
TUC	Trades Union Congress
VAR	vector auto regression
YTS	Youth Training Scheme