Skills for the Green Economy: What, Where and How Much?

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Abstract: Studies on the relationship between “green policies” and the labour market have been often relegated to the grey literature due to the lack of clear definitions of green jobs and skills. With the growing interest in the low-carbon transition and the urgent need to monitor and assess the effect of large-scale post-pandemic green stimuli, it is of paramount importance to build a widely accepted framework that can be used to analyse the structural transformations in the labour market associated with the greening of our economies. This lecture makes the case that the task-based approach is the best solution to these problems. I show various applications of this approach to evaluate the effectiveness of green fiscal plans, the distributional effects of environmental policies and the size of reallocation costs.