

## **Biographical note: Markus Poschke**

Markus Poschke is an Associate Professor at the Department of Economics at McGill University. An increasingly prominent member of the Canadian economics community, he has been named a William Dawson Scholar at McGill, an award recognizing academics who are poised to become leaders in their field. He is also a Research Fellow at the Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), the Centre interuniversitaire de recherche en économie quantitative (CIREQ, [interuniversity research centre in economics and economic analysis]) and the Center for Interuniversity Research and Analysis of Organizations (CIRANO), and a Junior Research Fellow at the Institute for Economic Analysis (IAE) in Barcelona.

Professor Poschke's research interests focus on inequality and on economic growth, aiming to inform public policy and institutional structures to raise the quality of life. His work combines frontier methods in macroeconomics and new approaches for analyzing microeconomic data to better understand the causes of rising inequality and stagnant growth and the effects of public policy. He plans to examine ways to improve understanding of the growth patterns of the most productive firms as well as the role of entrepreneurship in economic growth. He also plans to analyze the effect of public policy on the distribution of income and wealth.

Professor Poschke has been recognized through several academic honours, including research grants from the Fonds de recherche—Société et culture in Quebec and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. He is a sought-after referee for leading journals in economics and is frequently invited as a speaker at top conferences and seminars, including at the International Monetary Fund, several Federal Reserve banks in the United States and universities across Canada, the United States and Europe. Despite being at an early stage in his career, Professor Poschke has published papers in some of the top journals in macroeconomics, many of which have been frequently cited and have become key references in the field.

Born in Curitiba, Brazil, Professor Poschke holds a PhD in Economics (2007) from the European University Institute in Florence. He completed post-graduate studies in economics at the Institut d'Études Politiques in Paris (2003) and at Maastricht University (2003).