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Message from the Guest Editor

As is well known, investigating the path from cause to effect in economics and other social sciences is rather difficult as Randomized Control Trials (RCTs), i.e. experiments in which the units of analysis are randomly assigned to treatment and control groups, are rare. Nevertheless, an expanding body of empirical research incorporates studies in which the units of analysis are assigned to treatment and control groups "as if" random assignment had taken place. These studies are usually called quasi-experiments and implement causal inference methods such as Instrumental Variables (IV), Regression Discontinuity Design (RDD), and Difference-in-Differences (DiD). We invite researchers to submit original papers performing IV, RDD or DiD estimation to study the causal effects of labor inputs on development outcomes, where both "labor" and "development" are interpreted in broad sense. All submissions for the special issue on "Labor and Development" must contain original unpublished work not being considered for publication elsewhere. Both regular papers and short notes are welcome.



