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In this thesis, reduced form and structural econometric models are used to investigate several aspects of the labour market trajectories of individuals. The four subjects which are investigated are: transitions of individuals between jobs in different sectors and the unemployment pool, the influence of demographic characteristics on unemployment durations, changes in wage structure and sectoral choice following labour market deregulation, and explaining gender wage differentials using a general equilibrium job search framework. Data from several national labour force surveys and household panels is used to situate the findings of each of the local studies in the international context.

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