XXXV National Conference of Labour Economics

17-18 September 2020

Call for papers

Due to the global health situation caused by coronavirus pandemic, the AIEL 2020 Annual Conference scheduled at the University of Salerno has been postponed to September 2021. For this year, the Board has decided to organize a virtual online conference.

The Italian Association of Labour Economists is pleased to invite you to attend the 35th Annual Conference to be held on line, on the 17th-18th September 2020. More information on the web platform will be provided in due course.

The programme includes invited lectures and parallel sessions. The conference provides an opportunity to discuss issues related to the functioning of the labour market and to develop research collaborations.

Theme: Causes and consequences of inequality in the labour market and beyond.

The theme of the AIEL conference is inequality considered from different points of view. Public interest on this topic has grown substantially in recent years: economists, politicians and other stakeholders share a concern about increasing inequality as a threat to social stability. The COVID health emergency and the subsequent economic crisis has emphasised even further the need of effective policies to fight increasing inequality between and within countries. Yet, a constructive discussion on inequality, its causes and economic, social and political consequences cannot take place without a clear definition of it. Inequality has many dimensions: gender, age, geographical residence, ethnicity, nationality, religion, health and other kinds of capabilities. It can also manifest itself in several forms: differences in earnings, in opportunities for education, work and services (health, transport), in career opportunities or in taxation. Inequality is often linked to the akin phenomenon of discrimination, but the differences between these two concepts can be quite subtle and complex. In order to shed light upon the above mentioned issues, we welcome contributions on the following topics:

- inequality in the labour market and discrimination across various dimensions: gender, age, geographical residence, ethnicity, nationality, religion, disability,
- the links between wage and income inequality, as singled out by the labour market, the tax system or other institutions,
- the shift in interest in the literature from the concept of skill-biased to task-biased technological change, and the connections between the ensuing issues of wage and job polarization,
- the growing importance in the literature of globalization, immigration and institutional changes as potential sources of economy-wide inequality,
- inequalities in education (including the analysis of Invalsi and PISA data) and in health and other care services,
- the analysis of inequality of opportunity: how circumstances at birth determine future educational attainment, skills, jobs, earnings,
- inequality and the geography of discontent across European countries and regions,
- issues relating to the statistical measurement and definition of inequality.

This list of topics is indicative, but by no means exhaustive.
Keynote speakers:
This year the AIEL keynote lecture will be delivered by Claudia Olivetti – Dartmouth College - US

Invited policy session
There will be a special invited plenary session on "Inequalities in the Italian Academia". The invited speakers will be:
Francesca Bettio – Università di Siena
Antonio Felice Uricchio – Presidente ANVUR
Gianfranco Viesti – Università degli Studi di Bari “Aldo Moro”

Thematic sessions welcome papers on the main theme of the Conference (Causes and consequences of inequality in the labour market), as well as on the effects of Global Pandemia and on a wide range of labour issues:

| 1. Employment, Unemployment and Matching | 5. Institutions and Labour Market Policies |
| 2. Gender, Family and Demographic Economics | 6. Personnel Economics |

Joint sessions
The 35th AIEL Conference will host sessions jointly organized by AIEL and other institutions. There will be a session co-organized with the Asociación Española de Economía del Trabajo (AEET), a session co-organized with the Global Labour Organization (GLO), and a session co-organized with the Competence Centre on Microeconomic Evaluation (CC-ME) of the European Commission Joint Research Centre. A special session will be devoted to papers from the VISITINPS project.

Awards
All papers presented at the 35th AIEL Conference will be considered for the award of the Tarantelli Prize. The winner(s) will be announced during the 36th AIEL conference.

A special award – the Carlo Dell’Aringa Young Labour Economists Award – will be assigned (together with a prize of 1,000 euros) to the best paper presented at the 35th Conference by young researchers. To be eligible for the award, all the authors of the paper must have defended their Ph.D. Thesis since no more than five years.

The winners of the Carlo Dell’Aringa Young Award 2020 and Ezio Tarantelli Prize 2019 will be announced after the plenary session.

Presentations
Parallel session presentations will be given in sessions of 4-5 papers, with a chairperson. At the end of each presentation, there will be time for questions and general discussion. The official language of the conference will be English.

Procedures and deadlines
Contributors are invited to submit on-line unpublished papers in PDF format no later than 26th July 2020. Papers submitted must be in a full draft version. Participants must register and upload their paper in the system using the submission tool in the user panel at the address http://www.aiel.it (if you need help please contact the AIEL secretary at aiel@aiel.it. To complete your submission, please, send also a copy of the paper (specifying the thematic session) to Lia Ambrosio at aiel@aiel.it). Notice of acceptance will be given by 30th July 2020. The final version of accepted papers must be uploaded no later than 6th September 2020.

The conference fee will be €55, corresponding to the annual membership of the Italian Association of Labour Economists. The membership fee will be reduced to 30€ for PhD Students and researchers with collaboration grants (i.e. Assegnisti di ricerca).

Payments must be made through bank transfer before the 6th September 2020 to the following account:
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Participation
Participants must confirm on-line their attendance no later than 6th September 2020. Papers whose authors will not confirm their participation by this deadline will not be included in the final programme.

Instructions for on-line submission
If you are not yet registered on the AIEL website (http://www.aiel.it), you need to register first. After registration an e-mail will be sent to your address with username and password (which can be changed at any time) to enter the USER PANEL where the submission tool is available. To submit your paper you need to enter the information requested and upload the PDF file. Past AIEL members who are already registered can use their credentials and upload their paper as explained above.

June 3rd, 2020

AIEL President
Daniela Vuri