XXXII National Conference of Labour Economics
University of Calabria
Rende (CS), 14-15 September 2017

Call for papers

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 32nd annual Conference of the Italian Association of Labour Economists to be hosted by the Department of Economics, Statistics and Finance “Giovanni Anania” at the University of Calabria in the Arcavacata Campus in Rende (Cosenza), on the 14th-15th September 2017.

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

Theme: Gender Gaps in Educational Choices

The theme for this year conference is the analysis of the factors determining different educational choices and labour market outcomes across gender. Over the past decades there has been a large increase in female human capital investment and labour force participation. The ratio of male to female college graduates decreased continuously, and in recent years it was even reversed in many countries. Although there has been a rise in graduation rates of women in what used to be historically men-dominated fields such as math, science and engineering, there is still a considerable gender gap in academic outcomes and employment in these fields. What explains these gender disparities remains an open question. Some emphasize the role of biological gender differences in determining cognitive differences, while others put forward the social, psychological and environmental factors that might influence this gap. The empirical evidence is still limited since it is difficult to disentangle the impact of biological differences from environmental conditions and to evaluate the role of stereotypes and prejudices.

Keynote speaker

This year the AIEL keynote lecture will be delivered by:

- Victor Lavy (Hebrew University of Jerusalem and University of Warwick)
  "Why There Are Fewer Female Engineers: The Role of Teachers”.

Invited policy session

There will be a special invited plenary session on Retirement and Reform of the Pension System. The policy issues are the financial sustainability of the pension system and the effect the institutional setup on welfare and health of retired workers. These relevant policy issues will be addressed by lectures given by:

- Giorgio Brunello (University of Padova)
- Marco Francesconi (University of Essex)
The thematic sessions welcome papers on a wide range of labour issues such as:

1. Macroeconomics of the Labour Market
2. Wages - Macro and Micro Analyses
3. Unemployment and Structural Change
4. Labour Supply and labour Demand
5. Women and gender in the labour market
6. Family and work
7. Income Distribution and Poverty
8. Migrations
9. Institutions and Labour Market Policies
10. Labour market Discrimination
11. Public Sector Labour Markets
12. Health and work
13. Trade Unions and Bargaining
14. Job Quality and Job Satisfaction
15. Job Flows and Workers Flows in the Labour Market
16. Personnel Economics
17. Education, Training and Human Capital
18. Wage Inequality and Mobility
19. International trade and labour markets
20. Welfare

Joint sessions
The XXXII AIEL Conference will host sessions jointly organized by AIEL and groups of labour economists active in other countries. In particular there will be a session co-organized with the Asociación Española de Economía del Trabajo (AEET), a session co-organized with the Global Labor Organisation (GLO), and a session co-organized with the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA, Bonn). Joint sessions will focus on comparative analyses of Spanish, German and Italian labour markets, with a focus on both labour market performance and institutions. A special session will be devoted to papers from the VISITINPS project.

"Ezio Tarantelli Award"
All papers presented at the XXXII AIEL Conference will be considered for the award of the Tarantelli Prize. The winner(s) will be announced during next year’s Conference.

"Ezio Tarantelli Young Award"
This year, a special award – the "EZIO TARANTELLI YOUNG LABOR ECONOMISTS AWARD" will be assigned (together with a monetary prize of 500 euros) to the best paper presented at the Conference by young researchers. To be eligible for the Award, all the authors of the paper must be no more than five years past a PhD defense. To apply for the award, please send a mail to aiel@aiel.it pointing out in the subject "Eligibile to TARANTELLI YOUNG LABOR ECONOMISTS AWARD".

Presentation
Presentations at AIEL conferences are in the form of oral presentations. Parallel session presentations are given in sessions of 3 or 4 papers, with a chairperson. At the end of each presentation there is usually time for questions and general discussion. The official language of the Conference is English.

Publication of Presented Papers
Papers presented at the Conference can be submitted to a special issue of the Italian Economic Journal (Springer) to be published in 2018. The review process of each submitted article will follow the usual (double blind) review process. Participants will receive an invitation by e-mail when the submission for the special issue will be open.

Procedures and Deadlines
Contributors are invited to submit on-line unpublished papers in PDF format no later than 15th June 2017. 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. Please make sure that you also send a copy of the paper by mail to Lia Ambrosio at: aiel@aiel.it.

Notice of acceptance will be given by 11th July 2017. Final version of accepted papers must be uploaded no later than 1st September 2017.

Registration Fees*

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* Including association fee (€ 55), social dinner, lunches and coffee breaks.
Payments must be made through bank transfer before 1st September 2017 to the following account:

Bank account n.: 3976499  
In name of: Associazione Italiana Economisti del Lavoro  
Bank: UniCredit Banca - Corso Italia 65 Quarto (NA)  
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Participation
Participants must confirm on-line their attendance no later than 1st September 2017. Papers whose authors will not confirm their participation by this deadline will not be included in the final programme.

Instructions for on-line submission
Those who are not yet registered on the Aiel website (http://www.aiel.it) 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 the paper as explained above.

Conference information
The venue of the conference is:

Dipartimento di Economia, Statistica e Finanza "Giovanni Anania" Università della Calabria, Via Ponte P. Bucci, 87036 Arcavacata di Rende (CS), Italy.

Special buses from/to the Airport
In the afternoon and in the evening of September 13th a special bus will be available at the Lamezia Terme Airport to transfer Conference’s participants to the hotels located close to the Conference venue. On the afternoon of September 15th, at the end of the conference, participants will be transferred back to the airport by means of special buses as well.

Further details on how to reach the conference venue by train, plain, bus and car will be posted and updated on the Aiel Conference website along with information about accommodations and local facilities. Further information on local attractions and must-see places will also be provided for those participants who may wish to spend a summer week-end in Calabria’s wonderful seaside.

Local organising committee:
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