





37th National Conference of Labour Economics Istituto Superiore di Scienze Religiose "San Matteo" di Salerno

Salerno, 23-24 September 2022

Call for papers

The Department of Economics and Statistics (DiSES) of the University di Salerno is pleased to invite you to attend the 37th Annual Conference of the Italian Association of Labour Economics to be held in **Salerno**, on the **23rd-24th September 2022.**

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: Labour market in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis: old and new challenges

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected labour markets during and after the emergency. Many employees have lost their jobs, and some unemployed have stopped searching. Employment losses and reductions in working hours have led to reduced incomes. However, these negative effects are not generalized because some workers in given sectors or occupations have been able to continue working remotely, fully or partially and have been hit less in terms of working hours and income.

After this unusual recession, an atypical recovery followed in many countries, leading to rapid growth, but also to supply bottlenecks causing inflation to rebound quickly as the economy reopened. It is hard to predict how long supply chain disruptions will last, but their ultimate impact on inflation depends on how persistent they are and whether they feed through into wages. Amidst all these changes, governments have provided massive fiscal support to protect firms and vulnerable households.

Most economists agree that in this scenario inequalities in the labour market across various dimensions have increased: gender, age, geographical residence, ethnicity, and nationality. They have also noticed the emergence of a worldwide economic phenomenon, the Great Resignation, characterized by *en masse* quits of workers from their jobs. Possible explanations may be the disincentivizing effects on labour supply of the COVID-19 stimulus payments (in Italy the "Reddito di Cittadinanza" was also quoted in this respect), the emergence of a slowly rising dissatisfaction about job conditions, stagnating wages in the face of a rising cost of living, and a reshuffling of the labour force helped by the rapid economic recovery, which has led workers to leave their jobs with confidence to relocate to booming firms and sectors. Naturally, these factors may operate with different strength in different contexts.

To shed light upon the above-mentioned issues, we welcome contributions on the following topics:

- the links between wage and income inequality, the tax system and governmental intervention in the labour market;
- remote work, work-life balance, and gender;
- inflation, wage bargaining, and the establishment of a legal minimum wage;
- economic recovery, labour market mismatch, and the Great Resignation;
- the Great Resignation: definitions and measurement issues;
- the Great Resignation and inflation: the role of real wages and stimulus payments;
- the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on inequalities in education, health and care services;
- the COVID-19 pandemic, inequality, and the geography of discontent across European countries and regions;
- the statistical measurement and definition of inequality and related issues.

This list of topics is indicative, but by no means exhaustive.

Keynote speakers:

This year the AIEL keynote lectures will be delivered by: **Giuseppe Bertola** (Università di Torino) and **Alan Manning** (LSE).

Invited policy session

There will be a special invited plenary session on "Regulation of labour markets and wage bargaining". The invited speakers will be: **Andrea Garnero** (European Commission, JRC) and **Eliana Viviano** (Banca d'Italia).

Thematic sessions welcome papers 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	
3. Wages, Income Distribution and Poverty	n and Poverty 7. Education, Training and Human Capital	
4. Migrations, Globalization and the Labour Market	8. Health, Working Conditions and Job Satisfaction	

Joint sessions

There will be 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.

Ezio Tarantelli Award

All papers presented at the 37th AIEL Conference will be considered for the award of the Tarantelli Prize. The winner(s) will be announced during next year conference.

Carlo Dell'Aringa Young Award

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 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 winner(s) will be announced during the social dinner.

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

There are two ways to participate in the conference:

- Organized sessions. Participants can propose themselves as session organizers (no more than
 two sessions per organizer) on specific themes. The proposal can be submitted directly by the
 scientific organizer, who will send an email to <u>aiel@aiel.it</u> indicating the session title and the
 tentative number of presentations, in order to let us add the name of the session in the
 electronical submission's page. The deadline for the proposal's submission is April 16th, 2022.
 Participants must follow the procedure and the deadlines as indicated in the next point.
- Individual contributions. Participants are invited to submit on-line unpublished papers in PDF format no later than the 15th June 2022. 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 aiel@aiel.it.

 Notice of acceptance will be given by 5th July 2022. The final version of accepted papers must be uploaded no later than 5th September 2022.

Registration fees

	Before 1 st August, 2022	After 1 st August, 2022 (no later than 5 th September 2022)
Registration fees*	€ 180	€ 210
Reduced fees for PhD Student and researchers with collaboration grants (i.e. Assegnisti di ricerca)	€ 100	€ 210

^{*} Fees include association fee (\in 55), social dinner, lunches and coffee breaks.

Payments must be made through bank transfer before the **5th September 2022** to the following account:

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Participation

Participants must confirm on-line their attendance no later than **5th September 2022**. 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 (<u>http://www.aiel.it</u>), 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.

Conference information

The conference venue will be in Salerno at the Istituto Superiore di Scienze Religiose "San Matteo", Via Bastioni, 6. Further details on how to reach the conference venue will be available on the AIEL Conference website, along with information about accommodations and tourist attractions.

Social activities

Information on social activities will be provided later.

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