

XXIX National Conference of Labour Economics

Università di Pisa

Pisa, 11-12 September 2014

Call for papers

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 29th annual Conference of the Italian Association of Labour Economists to be held in Pisa, on the 11th-12th September 2014. The conference will be hosted by the Department of Economics and Management, University of Pisa. The programme includes invited lectures, parallel and poster sessions. The Conference provides an opportunity to analyse and discuss issues related to the functioning of the labour market as well as develop research collaborations.

Theme: European Unemployment and Labour Market Reforms

The theme for this year conference is about labour market reforms with a particular emphasis on successful practices implemented in European countries. The Great Recession has destroyed jobs around the world, but has hit more strongly the younger workers: who were the first to exit and are now trying to get a job in a slack labour market. Hence, the challenge European countries are facing is how to tackle the (youth) unemployment problem and avoid a slow and jobless recovery. The (un)employment experience of European countries over the crisis has been quite diverse with some countries coping exceptionally with unemployment, while others are still facing extremely high unemployment rates. While many factors are certainly relevant to explain the different performance of European labour markets, there is evidence that labour market institutions, labour policies, education and vocational training can foster employment and improve the functioning of labour markets. The resilience of Germany's labour market to the Great crisis is a valuable example which many analysts attribute to the reforms that were implemented (Hartz reforms) in recent decades.

Keynote speaker

This year Aiel keynote lecture will be delivered by:

- **Klaus F. Zimmermann** (Professor of Economics at Bonn University and Director of IZA).
"The Economics of Labour market Reforms"

Invited policy session

A special invited plenary session on labour market policies with a special focus to Italy will take place:

- **Daniele Checchi** (Professor of Economics at University of Milano).
"The Competences of Italian Students: Evidence from PISA"
- **Michele Pellizzari** (Professor of Economics at the University of Geneva).
"The Skill Mismatch in the Italian Labour Market: Evidence from PIAAC"

The **thematic sessions** welcome papers on a wide range of labour issues such as:

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

AEET-AIEL joint session

The XXIX AIEL Conference will host a joint session co-organized by AIEL and AEET (Asociación Española de Economía del Trabajo). The session will focus on issues concerning the Italian and the Spanish labour markets, both among the European labour markets most affected by the economic crisis. Comparative papers emphasizing the role of labour market institutions and policies on labour market mechanisms and outcomes, also highlighting the role of the economic crisis, are particularly welcome.

Presentation

Presentations at AIEL conferences are in the form of oral presentations or poster sessions. In general papers that are not fully completed at the time of the final submission are allocated to the poster session. Parallel session presentations are given in sessions of 3 or 4 papers, with a chairperson. At the end of the presentation there is usually time for questions and general discussion. In poster sessions the papers are reported in a poster and the main results are presented and discussed with conference participants. The official language of the Conference is English.

A selection of the paper presented at the conference will be considered for publication in the AIEL Series in Labour Economics published by *Physica Verlag*.

Procedures and Deadlines

Contributors are invited to send unpublished papers in PFD format (**author_surname.pdf**) no later than **15th June 2014** to the AIEL secretary (aiel@aiel.it). Papers can be in provisional version, but must contain a clear presentation of the results obtained and a complete reference list.

Notice of acceptance will be given by the scientific committee by **7th July 2014**. Final version of accepted papers, to be uploaded in the AIEL Conference WEB-page (<http://www.aiel.it>), must be sent no later than **31st August 2014** to the AIEL secretary.

Papers presented at the XXIX AIEL Conference will be considered for the award of the Tarantelli Prize for the best paper at next year's Conference.

A partial reduction of the registration fees will be awarded to Ph.D. students whose paper has been accepted for presentation.

Registration Fees*

	Before 31 st July, 2014	After 31 st July, 2014 (no later than 31 August 2014)
	€ 170	€ 200
Reduced fee for PhD Student	€ 90	€ 200

* Including association fee (€ 55), social dinner, lunches and coffee breaks.

Payments must be made through bank transfer before **31st August 2014** to the following account:

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Participation

Participants must confirm their attendance sending by e-mail to the AIEL secretary (aiel@aiel.it) no later than **31st August 2014** the participation form downloadable at the address <http://www.aiel.it>. **Papers whose authors will not confirm their participation by this deadline will be automatically deleted from the final programme.**

Conference Information

The venue of the conference is:

Polo Piagge dell'Università di Pisa
Via Giacomo Matteotti, 3 - 56124 Pisa

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