

Labour market dynamics, institutions and their mutual linkages: fostering interdisciplinary dialogue

Max Weber Programme Multidisciplinary Research Workshop

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Abstract

This half-day multi-disciplinary research workshop will open a dialog across disciplines studying the different interactions between institutions and labour market dynamics. The mutual relationship between *institutions* and *labour market dynamics* has been for decades a key concern of a broad field of scholarship cutting across political economy, economics, labour sociology and labour history. Despite a large (and increasing) academic literature and a high interest from the political sphere, dialogue across disciplines has been scarce. In this workshop we bring together Max Weber Fellows, researchers and academics from across the EUI and beyond working from different disciplinary angles on topics concerning the interaction between *institutions, regulation* and *labour market dynamics* - from theoretical, historical and empirical perspectives. Together we address how labour market institutions at all levels shape (deliberately or involuntarily) labour market outcomes (unemployment, wage inequality, precarity, labour market segmentation) and how these outcomes feed back into the evolution and adaptation of labour market institutions themselves.

Location: Zoom.us (the link will be disseminated by email).

Format and Housekeeping:

- Sessions will have 20 minutes for each presentation and 20 minutes for discussion and questions at the end.
- The second session will be split into two parallel sessions that will run at the same time.
- We will facilitate virtual coffee rooms for the breaks.
- Participants are invited to take part in all discussions and coffee breaks but they are welcomed to come and go as they need.

Program

14h00.14h05 – Welcome and setting up

First Session: Employment at the ‘Low End’ of the Labour Market – Policy and Practice

14h05.15h05 * Rachel Scarfe (University of Edinburgh)

“Flexibility or certainty? The aggregate effects of casual jobs on labour markets”

* Georg Picot (FBF EUI/University of Bergen)

“Tackling low-wage employment: A comparison of policy approaches across OECD countries”, joint with Siri Hensen Pedersen, University of Bergen

- Discussant and chair: Cristina Lafuente (EUI)

15h05.15h30 – Coffee break

Second Session A: The European Dimension of Labour Market Policies

15h30.16h30 * Fabian Mushövel (EUI)

“The Impacts of Economic Adjustment Programs on Labour Market Institutions”

* Ramon Marimon (EUI)

“On the Design of a European Unemployment Insurance System”, joint with Árpád Ábrahám (EUI), João B. de Sousa (UCP) and Lukas Mayr (University of Essex)

- Discussant and chair: Vincenzo Maccarrone (University College Dublin)

Second Session B: Industrial Relations and Labour Markets

15h30.16h30 * Alessandro Tondini (EUI)

“Working Hours, Employment and Productivity”, joint with Marta Lopes (EUI)

* Guglielmo Meardi (SNS)

“Industrial relations and crisis: lessons from the last 180 years”

- Discussant and chair: Arianna Tassinari (EUI)

16h30.17h00 – Coffee break

Third Session: Labour Market Institutions and Labour Market Dynamics: Inter-disciplinary perspectives

17h00.18h00 * Juan Dolado (Universidad Carlos III)

“Zero-hour contracts in a dual labour market”, joint with Etienne Lalé (Université du Québec à Montréal) Héléne Turón (University of Bristol)

* Paul Marx (University of Duisburg-Essen)

“The politics of labour market segmentation in a dynamic perspective”

- Discussant and chair: Andrea Ichino (EUI)

18h00.18h05 – Concluding remarks

18h05.19h00 – Optional virtual aperitivo