



Call for Papers

*Productivity, Investment  
in Human Capital  
and the Challenge of Youth Employment*  
Comparative Developments and Global Responses

Bergamo (Italy)  
16-18 December 2010

In an international and comparative perspective, access to the labour market on the part of young people is a complex issue with certain contradictory aspects reflecting the level of development of labour law and industrial relations in the respective countries. In the most advanced economies there has been a steady increase in the age at which young people exit the educational system and enter the labour market, giving rise to significant economic and social problems. The increase in levels of educational attainment is associated in some cases with an alarming rate of unemployment among those with academic qualifications, while employers encounter considerable difficulty in recruiting workers for unskilled and semi-skilled positions. The economies of developing countries, on the other hand, are characterized by different trends, reminiscent of the early stages of modern labour law, with the large-scale exploitation of young workers and children, many of whom join the flow of migrants towards the more highly developed regions of the world, with the consequent risk of impoverishing human capital in the country of origin.

The Conference *Productivity, Investment in Human Capital and the Challenge of Youth Employment* is aimed at achieving a better understanding of the issues in a global dimension through an interdisciplinary and comparative approach.

The International Doctoral School in Human Capital Formation and Labour Relations of Adapt and CQIA, University of Bergamo (Italy) invites professors, researchers, doctoral students, experts, practitioners and all those interested in the area of education, training, labour law, labour economics and human resources management to present contributions reflecting national cases and/or international developments relating to the issue of youth employment especially in the light of productivity and investment in human capital.

The working language will be English.



## How to participate

Those intending to participate should submit an abstract by e-mail (max 1500 words) by **10 September 2010** to [info@adapt.it](mailto:info@adapt.it).

Authors of the papers selected will be invited to the Conference and entitled to reimbursement of travel (up to 200 euros for EU citizens and up to 500 euros for non-EU citizens) and hospitality costs.

## Deadlines for submissions

Deadline for abstracts: **10 September 2010**.

Deadline for our confirmation: **20 September 2010**.

Deadline for submission of papers for the Conference: **10 December 2010**.

## Ph.D. Conference

Within the framework of this international event a Ph.D. Conference open to doctoral students and Ph.D. graduates from all over the world will take place. Interested persons are invited to present an abstract (max. 1500 words) on their research project by 10 September 2010.

If selected they will be presented in a special section of the Conference.

The Academic Advisory Board of the International Doctoral School in Human Capital Formation and Labour Relations will select up to 10 papers and the winners will be granted reimbursement of travel (up to 200 euros for EU citizens and up to 500 euros for non-EU citizens) and hospitality costs.

For information about the submission of papers, please contact [info@adapt.it](mailto:info@adapt.it).

Full details relating to the Conference are to be posted on our website from September 2010. The first draft of programme of the Conference will be available from October 2010 taking into account the results of this Call for Papers.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Very best wishes,

The Organising Committee  
Prof. *Giuseppe Bertagna*, University of Bergamo  
Prof. *Michele Tiraboschi*, University of Modena