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International Conference

**Productivity, Investment in Human Capital
and the Challenge of Youth Employment**

Comparative Developments and Global Responses

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OBJECTIVES

This conference is dedicated to the challenge of youth employment and is aimed at achieving a better understanding of the issue in a global dimension through an interdisciplinary and comparative approach. We mean to set up an international network on these topics and, in order to provide continuity and build up sound knowledge, we intend to repeat this event every year in different parts of the world. In this connection, next conference will be held in Mexico City in August 2011, in cooperation with the National Autonomous University of Mexico, UNAM.

The working languages will be English and Italian.

Attendance is free.

Please refer to the following links for:

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday 16 December

9.00 – 9.30 Welcome and registration

9.30 – 12.30 Plenary session I
THE CHALLENGE OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

9.30 – 10.30 **From the “school-to-work transition” to an integrated approach to learning**

Presentation of a position paper by the Adapt-CQIA Doctoral School, **G. Bertagna, M. Tiraboschi**

10.30 – 12.30 **Youth employment at a glance**

S. Elder, ILO, Switzerland (*Global trends in youth employment*)

N. O’Higgins, University of Salerno, Italy (*Young people in and out of the labour market*)

R. Christopoulou, Cornell University, USA (*The youth labour market problem in cross-country perspective*)

Debate

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 16.00 Plenary session II
YOUTH AND THE CRISIS

M. Signorelli, University of Perugia, Italy (*Youth Unemployment and the Impact of Financial Crises*)

B. Grandi, University of Rome “La Sapienza”, Italy – **M. Sargeant**, Middlesex University, UK (*Young workers and the recession: a comparative study*)

O. Chigisheva, Southern Federal University, Russia – **A. Chigishev**, Economist, Russia (*The Impact of Global Financial Crisis on Russian Higher Education and Youth Employment*)

Debate

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break



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16.30 – 19.00 **Plenary session III**
NATIONAL CASE STUDIES

- C. Kai**, University of Renmin, China (*Youth access to the labour market in China*)
S.K. Kouakouvi, Development Agent FCPAT, Togo (*The Challenge of Youth Unemployment in Africa and Beyond*)
A. Kun, Károli Gáspár University Budapest, Hungary (*Labour market programmes on youth employment in Hungary*)
B. Ogwo, State University of New York, USA (*Combinatorial Approaches to Informal Sector Human Capital Investments and Youth Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa*)
E. Smith, University of Ballarat, Australia (*The changing nature of youth employment in Australia: how can this be understood?*)
P. Tangchuang, Chiang Mai University, Thailand (*From School to Work: A Comparative Labour Capacity Preparation between Thailand and Vietnam*)

Debate

Friday 17 December

9.00 – 10.30 **Plenary session IV**
INNOVATIVE APPRENTICESHIPS.
PROMOTING SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL-TO-WORK TRANSITIONS

- R. Livraghi**, University of Parma, Italy (*Contracts for higher apprenticeship: assessment of value and process*)
E. Smith, University of Ballarat, Australia (*Rediscovering apprenticeships*)
L. Rustico, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy (*Apprenticeship as a lever for placement*)
B. Winkler, University of Bergamo, Italy (*The dual system in German speaking countries*)

Debate

10.30 – 12.30
WORKSHOPS

The workshops will be organized and managed by the Ph.D. students of the International Doctoral School in Human Capital Formation and Labour Relations of Adapt-CQIA

Workshop I
Human capital and productivity

- M. Sameti**, University of Isfahan, Iran (*Analysis the Economic Effects of Minimum Wage and its Prediction For 1389*)



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- M.R. Parakandi**, Abu Dhabi University, UAE (*Soft skills: A tool for grooming high performing employees*)
B. Rossu, University of Szeged, Hungary (*Productivity, Investment in Human Capital and the Challenge of Youth Employment in Hungary*)
M. Wu, University of Aberdeen, UK (*Mechanism and human capital accumulation*)

Workshop II
Youth and the changing nature of work

- L. Casano**, University of Catania, Italy (*Training and temporary agency work: a comparison between national regulation patterns*)
F. Gellert, Hanze University of Applied Sciences of Groningen, The Netherlands (*Youth employment: Student preferences for Mobiflex work*)
M. Wallenborn, European Training Foundation, Italy (*Training strategies, employment and the private sector*)
M. Zimba, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy (*Education, Training and the Changing Nature of Work*)

Workshop III
The school-to-work transition: challenges and opportunities

- J.M. Galvin Arribas**, Tripartite Foundation for Training in Employment, Spain (*Labour Market and the Training of young people in Spain and the United Kingdom*)
M. Murat, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy (*Schooling, gender and equality of opportunities*)
E. Platonova, Moscow Academy of Industry and Finance, Russia – **O. Fedotova**, South State University, Russia (*The role of various social actors in the field of youth employment in Russia*)
P. Wlodarczyk, University of Lodz, Poland (*Labour Market Situation of the Youth in Poland and the Educational System Reform: A Success or Failure*)

Workshop IV
Challenges for youth employment in a globalised labour market

- L. Krichewsky**, University of Magdeburg, Germany (*The contribution of international mobility to employability in vocational education and training*)
O. Kryvonos, Deusto University, Spain (*Labour exclusion of youth. European and Ukrainian case*)
Y. Parpinchee, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy (*Challenge of Youth Employment in Arab States as a part of a Global Market*)
V. Petrylaite, Vilnius University, Lithuania (*Problems of youth unemployment in Lithuania*)
S. Khaled Slama, University of Tunis, Tunisia (*Child labour in Tunisia between law and reality*)

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break



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14.00 – 19.00 **Plenary session V**
POLICIES FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

L. Deitmer, University of Bremen, Germany (*Work-based learning*)

H. Joslin, University of Greenwich, UK (*The School to work transition in the perspective of lifelong learning*)

P. Ryan, King's College, Cambridge, UK (*The School to work transition*)

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

A. Bulgarelli, ISFOL, Italy (*VET as a policy for youth employment*)

C. Westphal, European Commission, Belgium (*Youth on the Move*)

Debate

CONCLUDING REMARKS

G. Bertagna, M. Tiraboschi, Ph.D. School Adapt-CQIA (*The integration of learning and working*)