



Extended Call for Papers Young Economists Conference

(Un-)Employment in times of technical progress and economic crisis

While labour markets have not yet recovered from the impacts of the Great Recession, new challenges, like the fourth industrial revolution, are already arising. However, the effects of so-called “Industry 4.0” are ambiguous and offer a wide field for speculation, ranging from nearly half of the jobs at risk to negligible total effects on employment.

For sure, some types of work will become obsolete and others will be created in the course of technological progress, but there is considerable uncertainty concerning the impact on employment. How do these developments affect working time and living standards in terms of wages, leisure, and social activities? Is Keynes’ proclaimed 15 hours working week becoming a feasible scenario or will it remain utopian? These and other related questions are highly relevant for the near and more distant future, and progressive answers are needed.

For this reason the **Chamber of Labour Vienna** and the **Society for Pluralism in Economics Vienna** host a conference from the 4th of October to the 5th of October 2016, for which researchers at the beginning of their career (Master, pre- or post-doc) are specifically invited to attend.

This year’s keynote speaker is **Özlem Onaran**, Professor of Economics at the University of Greenwich, who is an expert on globalisation, employment, and post-Keynesian approaches to inequality.

We particularly encourage contributions that deal with the consequences of economic crisis and technological change for labour market issues and with regard to potential shifts in sociocultural and gender-related preferences in a work-life-balance. We also appreciate submissions on other topics relevant for labour-related challenges of the 21st century. The conference aims for pluralistic approaches to economics – we therefore welcome research in various heterodox schools of thought as well as work in sociology and political science. Women are especially encouraged to submit presentations.

The **extended deadline** for abstracts (max. 1 page) is the **30th of June, 2016**. The workshop language is English. Participants will be notified of acceptance by mid of July. The deadline for the (working) papers is the 5th of September. The conference is free of charge. Presenting participants will be reimbursed for train travel cost within Austria, and may apply for hotel subsidies. An outstanding contribution by presenters in the young economist sessions (age limit: 34 years) will be awarded the Eduard März Prize of €1,000.

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