

(UN-)EMPLOYMENT IN TIMES OF TECHNICAL PROGRESS AND ECONOMIC CRISIS

INVITATION TO THE CONFERENCE

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CONTENT

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.

Keynote speakers are **Özlem Onaran**, Professor of Economics at the University of Greenwich, who is an expert on globalisation, employment, and post-Keynesian approaches to inequality, and **Armon Rezai**, Associate Professor at WU with research interest in financialization, ecological economics and macroeconomics.

PROGRAM

TUESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER 2016

- 1.00pm OPENING:
Markus **Marterbauer**
- 1.15pm Why to Worry about the Wealth of Nations: Technological Unemployment, Unequal Distribution and Secular Stagnation
Timon **Scheuer**
The Environment and Directed Technical Change in a North-South SFC Framework
Nepomuk **Dunz** (with Asjad **Naqvi**)
Innovation and Income Inequality
Stella **Zilian**
- 3.00pm Are macroeconomic policies gender neutral?
Selin Secil **Akin**
Gender inequality in segment of employment in times of technical progress for example the most innovative developed countries of Europe
Diana **Natkhir**
The end of the middle class? – The development of the income distribution in Austria and Europe
Judith **Derndorfer** (with Stefan **Kranzinger**)
- 5.00pm KEYNOTE: The political economy of income distribution: industry level evidence from Austria
Özlem **Onaran**
- 7.00 pm Conference Dinner

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER 2016

- 9.00am Private Sector Union Density, A Benefit of Wrongful Discharge Laws
Eric **Hoyt**

Tackling unemployment in recessions:
The effects of short-time work policy
Brigitte **Hochmuth** (with Britta **Gehrke**)
Structural unemployment after the crisis in Austria
Michael **Christl** (with Monika **Köppel-Turyna**, Dénes **Kucsera**)
Regulated or self-constructed? The perception of work-time arrangements in employees’ narratives
Benjamin **Herr**

Innovative schemes for working-time reduction in Austria: barriers and opportunities for a successful implementation
Stefanie **Gerold** (with Michael **Soder**, Michael **Schwendinger**)

12.00am Lunch

1.00pm The Determinants of Current Account Imbalances – Competitiveness or Capital Flows?

Alexander **Guschanski** (with Engelbert **Stockhammer**)

The performativity of potential output: Pro-cyclicality and path dependency in coordinating European fiscal policies
Philipp **Heimberger** (with Jakob **Kapeller**)

What are Macroeconomic Effects of Job Guarantee, Universal Basic Income and Job or Income Guarantee?

Quirin **Dammerer**

3.00pm KEYNOTE: Demand drives growth all the way: wealth distribution, technological progress, and secular stagnation
Armon **Rezai**

5.00pm EDUARD MÄRZ AWARD
Markus **Marterbauer**

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