

Call for Papers

4. International BIBB/IAB/ZEW Conference

TASKS IV: Labor Market Adjustments to Digitization and the Future of Work

September 07 – 09, 2016 · ZEW Mannheim

The German Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), the Institute for Employment Research (IAB) and the Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW) are pleased to invite you to attend the jointly organized fourth international TASKS conference.

Topic

Automation and digitization technologies increasingly allow to perform job tasks that could previously only be done by humans. This development has triggered scientific and public debates on the future of work. The aim of this conference is to bring together economists and sociologists to discuss frontier research on labor market effects of automation and digitization. Special focus lies on the following questions: How does the division of tasks between workers and machines develop? Which employment opportunities arise from new products and services? How do workplace environments change? How do workers adapt to changing skill demands? How can policy help to support workers that face difficulties in adjusting?

The scientific committee encourages theoretical, empirical, and policy-oriented contributions from all areas of labor economics, labor sociology and related fields. Submissions may focus e.g. on: changing work environments, changing skill demands, occupational mobility, trade and offshoring, the role of institutions, job polarization, wage inequality, education and training, human-machine interaction, unequal opportunities and chances or measuring tasks.

Keynote Speakers

- ▶ **Alan Manning** (London School of Economics)
- ▶ **Kim Weeden** (Cornell University, New York)
- ▶ **Guy Michaels** (London School of Economics)

Scientific Committee

Melanie Arntz (ZEW, Mannheim), Bernd Fitzenberger (Humboldt University, Berlin), Christina Gathmann (University of Heidelberg), Maarten Goos (Utrecht University, NL), Joachim Möller (IAB, Nuremberg), Sabine Pfeiffer (University of Hohenheim), Anna Salomons (Utrecht University, NL), Uta Schönberg (University College London), Olaf Struck (University of Bamberg), Alexandra Spitz-Oener (Humboldt University, Berlin), Reinhold Weiß (BIBB, Bonn)

Paper Submission Procedure

The deadline for submission is March 15, 2016. Please submit an electronic version of your paper or an extended abstract (3 pages) in PDF to tasks@zew.de. You will be notified on acceptance of your paper by April 30, 2016. All presenters will be asked to submit a full paper version until August 1, 2016. Please register no later than August 15, 2016.

Further information

The conference fee for presenters is 75 Euros and for non-presenters 100 Euros. Doctoral students who present a paper may apply for financial support. Please apply no later than May 15, 2016.

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