

Unemployment: Causes and Cures

April 2-3, 2001 in Berlin, Germany

The Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW) is pleased to announce an interdisciplinary workshop for young economists and social scientists within six years after the award of their first academic degree. The central issue of the workshop concerns the unemployment problem and both its underlying causes and potential cures in an international perspective. This workshop is meant to provide a forum for discussions especially for young talented researchers from different academic fields. About 30 young graduates, post-graduates or post-doctorates in economics and social science from within and outside Europe will participate in the workshop.

Topics: We invite the submission of empirical and theoretical papers in economics and related fields on the following topics:

- ▶ Comparative and macroeconomic analysis of unemployment experience;
- ▶ The incidence and structure of unemployment, discrimination, and segregation as well as social exclusion;
- ▶ Causes of high unemployment, e.g. occupational and regional mismatch, wage rigidity, insider-outsider relations;
- ▶ The role of unions, bargaining structures, and institutions;
- ▶ Labour supply, immigration, and changes in the wage structure;
- ▶ Disincentive effects of unemployment compensation and income support programmes;
- ▶ Taxes and unemployment;
- ▶ Effectiveness and efficiency of active labour market programmes (training, public works, job counselling etc.) in reducing unemployment;
- ▶ Wage subsidies, minimum wages and wage floors;
- ▶ Private and public costs of (long-term) unemployment, its effect on individual well-being and criminal activity;
- ▶ The political economy of unemployment.

Date and Venue: Landesvertretung Baden-Württemberg, Berlin, April 2-3, 2001

Programme: The programme will be based on the presentation of papers by young researchers and on comments by discussants. The young scholars participating in this conference will have the opportunity to attend the subsequent international conference "Labour Market Effects of Income Support and Training Programmes – A Comparison between Germany and the US", organized jointly by ZEW and Professor **James Heckman**, University of Chicago, which takes place at the same location in Berlin on April 4-5, 2001

Finance: Participants may apply for financial assistance covering travel and hotel costs from the ZEW.

Application: All applicants must submit a detailed abstract of their paper (1-2 pages), a curriculum vitae specifically outlining their research and two letters of reference relating to their research.

The deadline for applications is November 30, 2000.

Call for Papers

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