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// 5TH WORKSHOP ON

Spatial Dimensions of the Labour Market: Megatrends in Times of Covid

5 – 6 October 2022 | IAB Nuremberg (Germany)

The 5th Workshop on Spatial Dimensions of the Labour Market focuses on a broad range of topics related to regional labour markets. This year, a special focus is on aspects revolving around the Covid-19 crisis. Covid-19 is hitting local labour markets at a time when megatrends related to globalisation, digitalisation and technological change are reshaping the way we live and work. The pandemic causes enormous economic and social disruptions which might affect regional labour markets in various ways in the short and long term. The two organising institutions, the Institute for Employment Research (IAB) and the ZEW – Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research, aim to bring together frontier research of labour economists, regional economists, sociologists, geographers and scholars from related fields. Theoretical, empirical and policy-oriented contributions are very welcome. The workshop provides a forum that allows scientists to network while fostering the exchange of research ideas and results.

TOPICS OF INTEREST

The workshop has a special focus on the spatial dimension of the consequences of the pandemic and changing economic activity. Apart from this interest, a non-exhaustive list of topics is:

- Covid-19 pandemic, its impact on local labour markets
- Telecommuting
- Spatial distribution of activities, disparities and inequalities
- Spatial mismatch, unemployment and spatial job search
- Mobility of labour and imperfect labour markets
- Location decisions and urban amenities
- Neighbourhoods, proximity, and urban density
- Regional dimensions of wage determination
- Evaluation of regional labour market policy and urban or regional policy
- Effects of globalisation and technological change
- Methodological and data-driven innovations (e.g. use of geo-coded data)

The workshop is planned to be held in person. If this is not possible due to Covid-19-related restrictions, the workshop will be held entirely online.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Gabriel Ahlfeldt (*London School of Economics*) · Melanie Arntz (*ZEW Mannheim and Heidelberg University*)
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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Christina Gathmann (*Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER), Director of the Labour Market Department*)
- Diego Puga (*Center for Monetary and Financial Studies CEMFI, Spain*)

DEADLINE FOR PAPER SUBMISSION AND REGISTRATION

The conference fee is EUR 100, which includes refreshment and lunch during the workshop, as well as the conference dinner on 5 October (excluding beverages). Please submit a full draft paper or extended abstract (about 1200 words) in PDF format to: IAB.Spatial-LM@iab.de.

Submission deadline: **15 May 2022**. Notification of acceptance will be given by **30 June 2022**.

Presenters will be asked to discuss another paper.

CONTACT

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