

LoWER Annual Conference 2005

European Low-wage Employment Research Network

Mannheim, April 15 - 16, 2005

Keynote Speakers

- **Joop Hartog** (University of Amsterdam) on Skilling Immigrants
- **Ronald Oaxaca** (University of Arizona) on Gender Differentials

Debate on German Labour Market Reforms:

- **Ronald Schettkat** (University of Wuppertal)
- **Eckhard Wurzel** (OECD, Paris)

LoWER and the ZEW are jointly organising the first annual scientific conference of the third phase of the LoWER network (2004-2007). The overarching theme of this phase is *The Insecure Perspectives of the Low Skilled in the Knowledge Society*.

The aim of the conference is to bring together, with an audience of researchers, policy makers, and other persons interested in this theme, current research from European countries as well as the US and enable presentation and discussion of recent results in all fields covered by the network. Therefore we welcome the submission of draft papers or lengthy abstracts (4 pages) on the wide range of issues indicated below. Submissions in PDF should be sent to Thomas Zwick (zwick@zew.de).

Submission deadline Monday 28 February 2005

Notification about acceptance 15 March

Conference organisers

Thomas Zwick, **Miriam Beblo** (both at ZEW) and **Wiemer Salverda** (network co-ordinator, Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies).

More info on the LoWER network at <http://www.uva-aias.net/lower.asp>

Indicative topics for papers

The list is explicitly meant as a non-limiting indication of options for paper submissions. We particularly welcome cross-cutting and/or cross-country contributions.

- Labour market mobility across jobs, firms or types of employment and earnings
- The effect of employment flows and "entry jobs" on the extent of earnings inequality
- Low-wage employees and firm-internal career ladders
- Intra-generational inequality: worklessness among households and level of education
- Inter-generational inequality: transmission of labour market earnings and household income inequalities across generations
- Women's changing role on the labour market: the challenge of gender and skills
- Is women's employment hurting low-skill men?
- The female trade-off between educational qualifications, working time, commuting, household work, and type and level of the job

Call for Papers

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- Skills and continuous training for the low skilled
- The importance of vocational training systems for the labour market career of the less skilled
- Overeducation in low-skill jobs?
- Skilling immigrants?
- Skills of older people
- Students competition for low-skill jobs
- Employer behaviour in the low-wage labour market, 'low road' and 'high road'
- Demand for low-skill services
- Well-being and low-wage, low-skill labour
- Effects of in-work benefits, wage subsidies or other active labour market policies
- Job quality in low-wage labour markets
- Trade unions and low pay
- Wage inequality and employment growth

Submission and participation

The **deadline** for submission is Monday 28 February 2005, notification of decisions about acceptance will reach the authors around 15 March.

The network activities are financially supported by the European Commission, allowing a modest participation fee of € 195 that includes lunch and dinner, and the social programme. Papers will be made available through the internet.

Scholars from Eastern Europe and PhD students with accepted papers can apply for a reduction of the fee to the network co-ordinator at aias@fee.uva.nl, mentioning "Mannheim fee" as the message subject.

Conference registration is possible at <http://www.zew.de/lower>.

ZEW has secured hotel rooms at reduced rates for participants if booked before 25 March 2005.

Network partners: ETLA, Helsinki; Université de Savoie, Annecy; ZEW Mannheim; AIAS, University of Amsterdam; CEP and CASE at LSE, London; Università Cattolica, Milan; IZA, Bonn; University of Oxford; ROA, Maastricht; Warsaw School of Economics; University of Tartu; CSB, University of Antwerp; ESRI, Dublin; Bergische Universität, Wuppertal; University of Wales, Swansea; University of Aberdeen; Århus School of Business

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