

Call for Papers: Globalization and Labour Market Outcomes

June 23-24, 2011, International Labour Office, Geneva

This two-day workshop on Globalization and Labour Market Outcomes will bring together leading economic researchers from the theoretical and empirical sides of the discipline to stimulate interaction and instigate innovative research that combines new theory with new empirics. One-and-a-half days of the workshop are reserved for an academic part. Half a day is planned for a panel discussion, where researchers interact with participants from the policy community.

Keynote speakers:

- Elhanan Helpman (Harvard University)
- David Autor (MIT)

The relationship between globalization and labour markets has gained particular policy attention, given job and earnings losses in the Great Recession. At the same time, the issue has received renewed research interest for at least three reasons. First, novel theories that emphasize differences across firms, workers and occupational tasks have pointed to new mechanisms that relate labour market outcomes to globalization. Second, novel empirical research goes beyond the treatment of wage payments by skill group and investigates new sources of changes in the distribution of real incomes. Third, newly available micro data that link firms to their individual workers, exporters to their foreign destinations and products, and multinational firms to their foreign affiliates permit the analysis of globalization with unprecedented precision.

A close integration of theory and empirics at the research frontier, and inter-action with international economic policy makers, promise the advancement, and perhaps inception, of research projects with high impact.

The organizers welcome submissions on the general theme of Globalization and Labor Market Outcomes. Relevant aspects of globalization include trade in goods and services, foreign direct investment and the operation of multinational enterprises, current account imbalances, real exchange rate fluctuations, and immigration. The theme seeks theoretical and empirical research that links these aspects of globalization to employment, occupational tasks, labor market flows, real incomes and income inequality.

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Submission and Contact

Submissions of full papers or detailed abstracts should be sent by e-mail to trade@ilo.org. **The deadline for submissions is February 25, 2011.** Papers for the academic part of the workshop will be selected by Sascha O. Becker of the University of Warwick and Marc Muendler of the University of California, San Diego. The selection of papers and discussants will be completed by March 15, 2011. Papers presented at the workshop will appear in the CESifo Working Paper Series.

A workshop webpage will be set up at <http://www.ilo.org/trade>. Funding will be provided for all presenters' local accommodation and travel. Travel reimbursement (including economy airfare and local/ground transport) is subject to agency-specific reasonable limits, of which presenters will be informed upon invitation. Please direct questions related to travel reimbursement in advance to the workshop organization at trade@ilo.org.

