



EU-ILO Project “Building partnerships on the future of work”

Workshop on changing labour market transitions and life courses in Asia and Pacific

Concept note and Agenda

Background

The International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (EC-JRC) are together implementing the project “[Building partnerships on the Future of Work](#)” funded by the EC Partnership Instrument.

The project aims at responding to two specific objectives:

- Developing new evidence around some specific, and understudied, future of work themes. Four thematic areas have been identified: 1) platformisation of work in the logistics and health sectors, 2) the effects of automation and its gender dimensions in the automotive and apparel sectors, 3) **new labour market transition patterns** and, 4) global shifts in employment structures. **(Fact-based Analysis component)**
- Based on the findings and other interests expressed by partner countries, building or reinforcing strategic alliances linked to the future of work involving the EU, key international and multilateral actors, non-EU countries, and social partners. **(Strategic Alliances component)**

Virtual workshop “Changing labour market transitions in Asia and the Pacific”

Within the framework of the Project’s fact-based analysis component on the future of work topic “new labour market transition patterns”, a virtual regional workshop is proposed as a follow-up to a first global technical workshop organized in May 2021 jointly with the EC-JRC.

The virtual workshop “Changing labour market transitions in Asia and the Pacific” will be organized over two days on **December 14 and 15, 2021** from 8:00 to 11:30 (Geneva time)/14:00 to 17:30 (Bangkok time). It will be broadcast through Zoom (registration needed).

The aim is to have a specific focus on the **realities of Asian societies in terms of ongoing changes in labour market transitions and, more generally, in life-courses**. It will be an open workshop with an overall objective of exchanging knowledge and building capacity on policy design for managing transitions in the region.

More precisely, the objectives are to:

1. take stock of existing methodological approaches to measuring labour market transitions and have an idea of available data sources in the region;
2. showcase innovative research results relevant to the region;
3. expand and strengthen a network of researchers;
4. assess the interest for evidence building and policy-orient research among regional stakeholders;
5. seek opportunities for future research initiatives.

The workshop will involve an exchange of innovative research on the following topics:

- transitions into/out of **informality**,
- a **gender** perspective on transitions
- **youth** transitions,
- transitions and **ageing** societies,
- impacts of the **crisis** on transitions,
- changing patterns in **job-to-job** transitions
- **methodologies** to measure transitions and life-courses.

The **invited speakers** are researchers and experts who have strong publishing record on these topics and work for universities or think tanks in the region or multilateral organizations. The countries covered by papers in the forum include: Australia, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Korea, New Zealand, Thailand, and Vietnam.

An interactive dialogue with participants through questions and answers in each session will take place. The ILO and the EU will ensure a good level of participation from social partners, governments (ministries and national statistical offices), other international organizations, researchers and civil societies within the region.

The communication activities around the workshop will be provided by the ILO (HQ and Regional Office in Bangkok) with the help of the EU delegations in the region, especially in order to reach out to civil society organizations.

Preliminary agenda (Bangkok time)

Both days: 8h00 to 11h30 Geneva time = 14h00 to 17h30 Bangkok time

Day 1 - Tuesday 14 December

14h00-14h15 **Welcoming addresses**

- Chihoko Asada-Miyakawa (ILO, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific)
- Lluís Prats (European Commission, DG EMPL, Head of the International Affairs and ETF Unit)

14h15-14h40 **Introduction on labour market transitions and life course**

- Guillaume Delautre and Sher Verick (ILO, Employment Policy Department)

14h40-16h00 **Session 1 – General considerations on labour market transitions**

Chair: Santo Milasi (European Commission, Joint Research Centre)

- Dean Hyslop (Motu Institute) “Covid-19 wage subsidy support and effects in New Zealand”
- Christian Viegelahn (ILO, Regional Office for Asia and Pacific) “Estimating labour market transitions from labour force surveys: The case of Viet Nam”
- Johannes Brehm (RWI – Leibniz-Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung) “What has been driving work-to-work transitions in Indonesia? Evidence from long-term longitudinal data”

16h00-16h15 BREAK

16h15-17h30 **Session 2 – A gender perspective on labour market transitions and life courses**

Chair: Christian Viegelahn (ILO, Regional Office for Asia and Pacific)

- Sasiwimon Warunsiri Paweenawat (Thammasat University) “A synthetic cohort analysis of female labour supply: the case of Thailand”
- Sudipa Sarkar (University of Warwick) “Employment transitions of women in India: a panel analysis”
- Diah Hadi Setyonaluri (Universitas Indonesia) “Determinants of women’s employment exit and reentry in Indonesia”

Day 2 – Wednesday 15 December

14h00 - 15h15 **Session 3 – Informality in labour market transitions and life courses**

Chair: Sara Elder (ILO, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific)

- Mahmud Minhaj (Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies) “Transitions between informal and formal employment: results from a worker survey in Bangladesh”
- Rajesh Raj Natarajan (Sikkim University) “Transitions between informal and formal jobs in India”
- Teguh Dartanto (Universitas Indonesia) “A longitudinal study of agriculture households in Indonesia: The effect of land and labor mobility on welfare and poverty dynamics”

15h15-15h30 BREAK

15h30 – 17h20 **Session 4 –Labour market transitions throughout the life course**

Chair: Dorothea Schmidt-Klau (ILO, Employment Policy Department)

- Marta Favara (University of Oxford) “Young Lives project in Viet Nam and India
- Ian Watson (University of New South Wales) “The youth labour market: From education to work before and after the global financial crisis”
- Yeonjin Lee (Kookmin University) “The Country That Never Retires: The Gendered Pathways to Retirement in South Korea”
- John Giles (World Bank) “One Country, Two Systems: Evidence on Retirement Patterns in China”

17h20 - 17h30 **Wrap-up session**