

3<sup>RD</sup> BIENNIAL ASSISI WORKSHOP ON ECONOMICS AND INSTITUTIONS

# *INEQUALITY, TECHNOLOGY AND INSTITUTIONS IN EUROPE*



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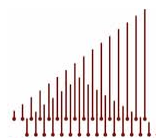
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The Workshop is a joint initiative of the Department of Economics (University of Perugia, Italy), the NIESR (National Institute of Economic and Social Research, London, UK), the IOS (Institute for South-Eastern European Studies in Regensburg, Germany) and the FREN (Foundation for the Advancement of Economics, Belgrade).

It is organized within the framework of the INEQ Jean Monnet research and information project entitled "Variety of institutional settings and socio-economic inequalities in the process of European integration" in cooperation with the PRINSE (Productivity, Institutions, Services) research project developed at the Department of Economics and financed by the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Perugia.

There is consensus among economists and policy-makers that rising income inequality within countries has been holding back the recovery. The latest empirical evidence shows that inequality severely amplifies boom-and bust-cycles and, at the meantime, weakens the middle class' income and spending behaviour. The consequence is a more vulnerable economy and a much less robust aggregate demand that, in turn, delays the recovery from the crisis.

In order to design the proper initiatives to break the vicious circle between inequality and weak economic growth it is crucial to identify those driving factors behind inequality and income distribution.

Both institutions and technology have recently been acknowledged as important determinants of such phenomena. However, the channel through which these factors affect income distribution/inequality may be analysed in two different perspectives i) the functional income distribution; and ii) the personal income distribution.

The workshop aims at attracting empirical and methodological contributions on:

1. the different role that labour market institutions, ICT and intangible assets play on functional distribution and labour share movements in the last years, as well as the interplay between these factors and the regulatory setting of the product and labour markets;
2. how changes in skilled labour demand within firms and overall regulatory reforms affect wages, productivity and earnings inequality.

The workshop will be opened by a keynote speaker, Stephen Jenkins (London School of Economics). Other authors will be invited by the Scientific Committee on the basis of the quality and publication records. The workshop will also be the venue to present the outcomes of the J. Monnet INEQ project. A side objective of the workshop is to provide an arena in which partnership of high quality scholars could be established in the view of developing international research projects on the subjects of the meeting.

## **Fees**

The workshop attendance is free. To register, please send an email before 10<sup>th</sup> of February to: [cristiano.perugini@unipg.it](mailto:cristiano.perugini@unipg.it). The cost of the workshop dinner is 35 Euro. Authors of invited papers will be reimbursed for a maximum amount of Euros 300.

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## ***Workshop Scientific Committee:***

Cristiano Perugini (**University of Perugia, J. Monnet INEQ Coordinator**), Mirella Damiani (**University of Perugia, PRINSE Coordinator**), Arandarenko Mihail (**FREN, Belgrade**), Richard Frensch (**University of Regensburg and IOS Regensburg**), Ira Gang (**Rutgers University, New York**), Mary O'Mahony (**King's College, University London and NIESR**), Leonid Polischuck (**Higher School of Economics, London**), Fabrizio Pompei (**University of Perugia**), Francesco Venturini (**University of Perugia**), Milica Uvalic (**University of Perugia**).

# **PROGRAMME**

*Thursday, February 20*

## 14.00 Welcome Address

Claudio Ricci, *Mayor of Assisi*

Franco Moriconi, *Rector of the University of Perugia*

Mauro Pagliacci, *Director of the Department of Economics, University of Perugia*

Cristiano Perugini, *Leader of the EU J. Monnet Research and Information project "INEQ"*

## 14.30-17.30 Institutions and Inequality (Chair: Milica Uvalic, University of Perugia)

**Marko Vladislavljević**, Sonja Avlijaš, Nevena Ivanović and Sunčica Vujić

*Foundation for the Advancement of Economics, Belgrade*

"Gender Pay Gap in the Western Balkan Countries: Evidence from Serbia, Montenegro, and Macedonia"

*(Discussant: Milica Uvalic, University of Perugia)*

Ekaterina Selezneva, **Cristiano Perugini**

*IOS Regensburg, University of Perugia*

"Labour Market Institutions, Crisis and Gender Earnings Gap in Eastern Europe"

*(Discussant: Marko Vladislavljević, FREN Belgrade)*

**Ekaterina Selezneva**, Cristiano Perugini

*IOS Regensburg, University of Perugia*

"Temporary job position and life satisfaction under different institutional context. Analysis for western and eastern Europe"

*(Discussant: David Aristei, University of Perugia)*

**Stephan Huber**, Cristiano Perugini, Fabrizio Pompei

*University of Regensburg, University of Perugia*

"Trade and wage inequality: the role of Export Sophistication and labour market arrangements"

*(Discussant: Richard Frensch, IOS Regensburg)*

Cristiano Perugini, Jens Hölscher, **Simon Collie**

*University of Perugia, University of Bournemouth, University of Brighton*

"Inequality, financial market deregulation and financial crises"

*(Discussant: Leonid Polischuk, Higher School of Economics, Moscow)*

## 17.30-18.00 Coffee break

## 18.00-19.00 Keynote speech (Chair: Fabrizio Pompei, University of Perugia)

**Stephen Jenkins** (London School of Economics)

*The treatment of country level effects in microeconomic analysis*

## 20.00 Workshop dinner

Friday, February 21

9.00-11.00 Income Distribution Issues and Institutions at Firm Level

*Chair: Francesco Venturini (University of Perugia)*

**Joachim Möller**

*IAB-Institute for Employment Research, Germany*

*“Labour Market Performance and Wage Inequality – the German case”*

*Discussant: Stephan Kampelmann (SBS-EM - CEB, DULBEA)*

**François Rycx, Andrea Garnero, Stephan Kampelmann**

*Université Libre de Bruxelles, SBS-EM (CEB, DULBEA) and IZA*

*“Minimum Wage Systems and Earnings Inequalities: Does Institutional Diversity Matter?”*

*Discussant: Mirella Damiani (University of Perugia)*

**Andrea Garnero, François Rycx, Stephan Kampelmann**

*ENS, Paris School of Economics and SBS-EM (CEB, DULBEA)*

*“Part-time Work, Wages and Productivity: Evidence from Belgian Matched Panel Data”*

*Discussant: Fabrizio Pompei (University of Perugia)*

**Damiani Mirella, Fabrizio Pompei, Andrea Ricci**

*University of Perugia*

*“Productivity and Wages: the distributive implications of Performance-Related Pay across Italian firms”*

*Discussant: Andrea Garnero (ENS, Paris School of Economics)*

11.00-12.00 Coffee break/Light lunch

12.00-13.30 Income Distribution Issues and Institutions at Country Level

*Chair: Joachim Möller (IAB-Institute for Employment Research)*

**Mary O’Mahony, Rebecca Riley**

*King’s College London, NIESR*

*“Human capital spillovers: the importance of training”*

*Discussant: Marta Guerrero (University of Birmingham)*

**Marta Guerrero, Kunal Sen**

*University of Birmingham, University of Manchester*

*“What Determines the Share of Labour in National Income? A Cross-Country Analysis”*

*Discussant: Mickael Melki (University Cergy-Pontoise)*

**Francois Facchin, Mickael Melki, Andrew Pickering**

*Université Paris-Sud, University Cergy-Pontoise, University of York*

*“The labor share and the size of government”*

*Discussant: Francesco Venturini (University of Perugia)*