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Call for Papers

Spatial Dimensions of the Labour Market: The Relocation of Jobs

2nd international
IAB/RCEA/ZEW
Workshop

The rapid improvements of the information and communication technology change the nature of international trade and its effects on labour markets. These technological advances enable firms to spatially slice up their value chains through offshoring. In addition, firms are now able to trade tasks. Therefore, workers performing tradable tasks are directly exposed to these changes and threatened by a relocation of their jobs. The 2nd Workshop on Spatial Dimensions of the Labour Market focuses on a broad range of topics revolving around these and further aspects of the relocation of jobs.

The three organizing institutions, Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis (RCEA) and Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), aim to bring together frontier research of labour economists, regional economists, geographers and scholars from related fields. Theoretical, empirical and policy-oriented contributions are welcome.

Topics of Interest

The workshop has a special focus on the relocation of jobs and the international outsourcing of economic activity (including foreign direct investment). Apart from this interest, a non-exhaustive list of topics is:

- Trade in tasks and offshoring
- Firms' and workers' exposure to trade
- Web-based global labour markets
- Spatial mismatch, unemployment and spatial job search
- Mobility of labour
- Regional dimensions of wage determination
- Forecasting regional labour markets
- Evaluation of regional labour market policies
- Firms' productivity, productivity growth and innovation
- Effects of globalization and the financial crisis on regions

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Keynote Speakers

- **Gilles Duranton**, University of Pennsylvania
- **Marc-Andreas Muendler**, University of California, San Diego
- **David Dorn**, Centro de Estudios Monetarios y Financieros, Madrid

Date:

March 13 – 14, 2014

Location:

Institute for Employment
Research (IAB),
Regensburger Str. 104,
D-90478 Nuremberg,
Germany

Paper Submission

The deadline for submission of extended abstracts (about 800 words) or full draft papers (if available) is 1st of December 2013. Please submit documents in PDF or MS Word format to: IAB.Spatial-LM@iab.de.

Notification of acceptance will be given by the 15th of December 2013. Accepted participants have to send in full (preliminary) papers no later than 1st of March 2014. Presenters will be asked to discuss another paper.

Conference Fee

The conference fee is 80 €, which includes refreshments and lunches during the workshop, as well as the conference dinner on 13th of March (excluding beverages).

Contact (Organizing Committee)

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