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## 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL WORKSHOP

**BERLIN (GERMANY)**

**11-14 SEPTEMBER 2013**

### **CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS**

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual workshop of the European Research Network on Transitions in Youth will take place in Berlin (Germany) on 11-14 September 2013. The workshop will be hosted by the research institute WZB (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung).

The Network welcomes contributions on all aspects of the transition from youth to adulthood, and particularly the transition from education to the labour market. Contributions are particularly welcome on the theme for this year's workshop, which is:

### **School-to-Work Transitions in Times of Economic Crisis: Causes, Consequences and Remedies**

Since 2009, the economic crisis has put pressure on national economies and labour markets all over the world, but the burdens are unequally distributed among different social groups. Young people are among those who tend to suffer most heavily from economic downturns. However, as in times of prosperity, the consequences for young people vary considerably across countries. In some countries, the youth unemployment rate recently exceeded a level of 50%, while in others we hardly observe a remarkable increase. Institutional factors and their interrelations play a crucial role in how they catalyse the crisis' impacts across different national contexts.

Many governments are launching various policy initiatives to tackle the severe consequences the crisis has had on youth labour markets. Job guarantees or training measures for youth have been introduced. Depending on the institutional framework, these measures show diverse results for different groups of young people. As an integral part of labour market entry processes, such policies and their effects should be thoroughly understood.

The main objective of the TIY network is to advance our theoretical and empirical understanding of transitions in youth. Among these transitions, those between the education system and the labour market are of particular interest because they prove to be especially important in generating and reproducing social inequalities. We favour a comparative perspective as well as the use of cross-sectional and longitudinal data-sets regarding school-to-work transitions.

Because the tensions on youth labour markets have persisted for a couple of years now, school-to-work transition research should be able to present robust results about these topics. Papers may have a theoretical and empirical focus or show methodological improvements with respect to the main theme.

### **The following topics are of particular interest:**

- What are the expected (long-term) consequences of the crisis for young people in terms of labour market integration, social inequality, family formation etc.?
- What have we learned from other crises?
- Which role do educational and labour market institutions play in buffering or fostering the severe consequences of the economic crisis?
- What are the effects of policy measures introduced to tackle youth disadvantages?
- What is the particular role of vocational education and training in protecting young people during the crisis?
- How does the crisis affect patterns of social inequalities linked to social class, gender and ethnicity?

The Network Committee does not regard this list of suggested themes as a complete, let alone exclusive, list of topics to be addressed. On the contrary, the Network Committee welcomes contributions on all aspects of the transition from youth to adulthood or the transition from education to the labour market.

Anyone who wishes to present a paper at the workshop should send a one-page abstract by email to the address indicated below by 15 March, 2013. In keeping with our usual procedures, abstracts will be assessed for selection by the members of the Network Committee on the basis of their quality and relevance to the theme of the workshop. Authors will be notified of the decision regarding their paper by 30 April, 2013 at the latest.

The conference fee is set at €550 and includes four nights of accommodation (single room), lunches and social events (including conference dinner). Since only a limited number of places will be available, anyone who wishes to attend the conference without presenting a paper should notify the conference organisers as soon as possible. In order to ensure the smooth running of the workshop, participants should register and pay the conference fee before 1 June, 2013 to be guaranteed accommodation organized by the workshop staff. The information on the starting date for registration and payment will be provided on the webpage [www.wzb.eu/tiy2013](http://www.wzb.eu/tiy2013) on 1 March, 2013.

For papers to be made available in advance to workshop participants, final (electronic) versions should reach the local organisers at the very latest by 15 August, 2013.

### **Local organisers:**

Christian Brzinsky-Fay, Paula Protsch, Diana Lange

### **Relevant websites:**

<http://www.socsci.ru.nl/~maartenw/tiy/index.htm>

[www.wzb.eu/tiy2013](http://www.wzb.eu/tiy2013)

## **SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS**

Abstracts should be sent by email to: [tiy2013@wzb.eu](mailto:tiy2013@wzb.eu)