

# WINTER CONFERENCE 2008

## Working Regions

Friday 28 November 2008  
London Voluntary Sector Resource Centre  
356 Holloway Road London N7 6PA

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

- 08:45 Coffee and registration
- 09:15 Introduction and welcome  
Professor David Bailey, Chair RSA and University of Birmingham
- Plenary session 1** (Seminar Room 2&3)  
*Chair:* Professor David Bailey, University of Birmingham, UK
- 09:20 **Labour, Agency and Regional Success**  
Dr Andy Cumbers, University of Glasgow, UK
- 09:50 **Immigrant Workers in London**  
Professor Jane Wills, Queen Mary, UK
- 10:20 **The North – South Divide**  
Professor Danny Dorling, University of Sheffield, UK
- 10:50 Coffee break
- 11:15 **Morning workshops**
- 1315 Lunch
- 14:15 **Afternoon workshops**
- 16:15 Coffee break
- Plenary session 2** (Seminar Room 2 & 3)  
*Chair:* Professor David Bailey, Chair RSA and University of Birmingham
- 16:40 **Changing Labour Markets in a Changing Economy**  
Alexandra Jones, Programme Director, Ideopolis Programme, The Work Foundation
- 17:10 Questions
- 17:30 Close

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## Academic Workshop Sessions - Draft

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### Workshop 1

#### **RELATIONS BETWEEN EMPLOYMENT AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE**

*(i) Morning session (11:15hrs) - Room: Meeting Room 1*

*Chair: Zuzana Bednarikova*

#### **Employers' Survival: Which Europeans Are The Best Job Creators?**

Emilio Congregado, Jose Maria Millan and Concepcion Roman, University of Huelva, Spain

#### **Jobtrainer – Results From An Implementation Study Of A Labour Market Project In Objective 2 Regions Of Western Germany**

Philip Fuchs, Institute For Employment Research (IAB), Germany

#### **Foreign Labour And Regional Restructuring: Growth And Productivity Effects Of Foreign Labour In The Danish Regions**

Peter Sandholt Jensen and Torben Dall Schmidt, University Of Southern Denmark, Denmark

*(ii) Afternoon session (14:15hrs) - Room: Meeting Room 1*

*Chair: Peter Sandholt Jensen*

#### **The Effects Of Labour Migration On Regional Economic Performance In The Czech Republic**

Zuzana Bednarikova and Frantisek Nohel, Institute Of Agricultural Economics And Information, Czech Republic

#### **Self-Employment And The Verdoorn's Law : Robustness And Asymmetries**

Emilio Congregado, Concepcion Roman, Monica Carmona and Antonio A Golpe, University of Huelva, Spain

### Workshop 2

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT, WORKLESSNESS AND REGIONAL EMPLOYABILITY**

*(i) Morning session (11:15hrs) - Room: Meeting Room 2*

*Chair: Vassilis Monastiriotis*

#### **Challenges In Evaluating Labour Market Policy Outcomes: The Example Of City Strategy**

Anne Green, Chris Hasluck and Duncan Adam, Institute For Employment Research, University of Warwick, UK

#### **Tackling Concentrated Worklessness: Integrating Governance And Policy Across And Within Spatial Scales**

David Etherington, David North and Stephen Syrett, Middlesex University, UK

#### **Worklessness: The Need For A City Approach**

Faiza Shaheen, Centre for Cities, UK

#### **Addressing Worklessness – A Local Approach**

Graham Senior and Stephen Brookes, EKOS Limited

*(ii) Afternoon session (14:15hrs) - Room: Meeting Room 2*  
*Chair: Faiza Shaheen*

**Unemployment Persistence And Economic Duality In Greece: A Sectoral And Regional Analysis**  
Vassilis Monastiriotis, London School of Economics, UK

**Accounting For Regional Differences In Employment, Unemployment And Inactivity: An Analysis Of Three Sub-Periods Using The Labour Force Survey**

Philip Murphy, David Blackaby, Paul Latrielle, Nigel O'Leary and Peter Sloane, Swansea University, UK

**The 'Discouraged Worker Effect' Controversy Reconsidered: Time-Dependence And Employment-Status**

Emilio Congregado, Antonio A Golpe, University of Huelva and Andre van Stel, EIM, Spain

### **Workshop 3**

#### **MIGRATION, MOBILITY AND LOCAL LABOUR MARKET SEGMENTATION**

*(i) Morning session (11:15hrs) - Room: Meeting Room 3*

*Chair: Tony Gore*

**The Characteristic Of Polish Labour Mobility After The Accession To The European Union**

Renata Orłowska, Univeristy Of Gdansk, Institute Of International Business, Poland

**Migrant Workers In North-East Scotland**

Liliana Hiris and Eleonor Pashayeva, The Robert Gordon University, UK

**Determinants Of Interregional Migration In Italy: A Panel Data Analysis**

Ivan Etzo, University Of Cagliari, Italy

**A Common Australian and New Zealand's Labour Market Under CER In The Context Of Globalisation**

Krystyna Zoladkiewicz and Renata Orłowska, University of Gdansk, Poland

### **Workshop 4**

#### **POVERTY, EXCLUSION AND LABOUR MARKET ACCESS**

*(i) Morning session (11:15hrs) - Room: Conference Hall*

*Chair: Sue Easton*

**Scan Statistics For The Localization Of Hot Spots Of Urban Poverty**

Carmelo Maria Torre, Silvestro Montrone, Massimo Bilancia and Paola Perchinunno, Politecnico Di Bari, Spain

**Regenerating Local Labour Markets: Addressing Young Women's Economic Exclusion**

Karen Escott and Lisa Buckner, Sheffield Hallam University, UK

**Poverty, Exclusion And Labour Market Access: Some Practitioners' Views**

Lesley Kelly and Linda Juleff, Napier University, UK

**Who Is Working For Cornwall? Testing Perceptions Of Outsider Bias In The Cornish Public Sector Labour Market**

Joanie Willett, University Of Exeter, UK

*(ii) Afternoon session (14:15hrs) - Room: Conference Hall*  
*Chair: Joanie Willett*

**The Spatial Dimension Of Social Capital**

Roel Rutten and Frans Boekema, Tilburg University, The Netherlands

**An Exploration Of The Mortality Of Jobseeker's Allowance Claimants In Britain**

Sue Easton, University Of Sheffield, UK

**Nice Non-Work If You Can Get It: Housing Tenure, Household Wealth And Labour Market Disengagement In The UK**

Tony Gore, Sheffield Hallam University, UK

**Workshop 5**

**COMMUTING, MOBILITY AND THE CHANGING REGIONAL LABOUR MARKET**

*(i) Morning session (11:15hrs) - Room: Meeting Room 5*

*Chair: Tony Champion*

**Redundancies And Pathways To Re-Employment In A Restructuring Economy: The Case Of MG Rover In The West Midlands.**

Caroline Chapain and David Bailey, University of Birmingham, UK

**Employment Location And Gordon Brown's Impact IN The New Integrated Regional Studies**

Alan Townsend, University of Durham, UK

**Invisible Businesses: The Characteristics Of Home-Based Businesses In The United Kingdom**

Colin Mason, Sara Carter and Stephen Tagg, University of Strathclyde, UK

**The Service Role Of Rural Towns - Employment And Enterprise Trends in Service Sectors**

Robert L Newbery, Centre for Rural Economy, University of Newcastle and Andrew License, TBR Economics

*(ii) Afternoon session (14:15hrs) - Room: Meeting Room 5*

*Chair: Alan Townsend*

**The Relationship Between Commuting Distance And Settlement Size In Britain**

Tony Champion and Mike Coombes, University of Newcastle, UK

**Self-Containment And Commuting Patterns In South East England As Indicators For The Changing Shape Of The Regional Labour Market**

Arno Schmickler and Michal Mravinac, South East England Development Agency, UK

**Inter-Regional Labour Mobility And Returns To Migration**

Mikaela Backman and Lina Bjerke, Jönköping International Business School, Sweden

**Temporary Contracts in the Public Sector: Explicative Factors in Different Spanish Regions**

Marcos Fernandez Gutierrez, University of Cantabria, Spain

### *Workshop 6*

#### **ACTIVE LABOUR MARKET POLICY AND REGIONAL OUTCOMES**

*(i) Morning session (11:15hrs) - Room: Meeting Room 4*

*Chair: Alex De Ruyter*

#### **Regional Differences In Following Active Labour Market Policy In Poland**

Joanna Hofman, Ministry Of Regional Development, Poland

#### **Regional Labour Markets And The Cultural-Economic Geography Of Flexwork**

Roos Pijpers, Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands

#### **Contrasting Rural Employment Problems Across The EU**

Kinga Kerekes, Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania and Andrew Fieldsend, University of Plymouth, UK

#### **Unequal Voice of BME Network in Regional Economic Development**

Leslie C Budd, Open University, UK

### *Workshop 7*

#### **DECENT WORK, PROGRESSIVE REGIONALISM AND LOCAL LIVING WAGES**

*(ii) Afternoon session (14:15hrs) - Room: Meeting Room 4*

*Chair: Roos Pijpers*

#### **Precariousness Of Employment And Regional Disparities: An Analysis Of The Labour Market Status Of MG Rover Workers 3 Years After Closure**

Alex De Ruyter, David Bailey and Gill Bentley, Birmingham Business School, UK

#### **Care And Aging Communities: Revisiting Trajectories To Enable Social Cohesion**

Emma Allen and Beth Cook, University of Newcastle Australia

#### **Challenging The Orthodoxy In Regional Development: A Social Economy Perspective**

John Mawson, University of Warwick, UK

#### **The Impact Of Improved Pay And Working Conditions On Low-Paid Hospital Workers In Manchester**

Vincent Pattison, Brooks World Poverty Institute, UK