

CALL FOR PAPERS

“What works? The effectiveness of youth employment programs”

Berlin, Germany, 29 – 30 June 2017

Background

Young people out of work are a population at risk in developed and developing economies alike: first, in any country worldwide the average share of jobless youths is typically twice as high as the corresponding share among adults. Second, youth unemployment shows excess cyclical volatility, i.e. youths' probability of job loss during recessions exceeds that of adult workers. “Scarring effects” exacerbate the consequences of youth unemployment, as time out-of-work early in the lifecycle negatively impacts long-term labor market outcomes. Fourth, in low- and middle income countries, youths struggle to enter a quality job, due to lack of skills, lack of access to education, or lack of information. Finally, all these patterns may lead to discouraging youths entirely, leaving them outside of employment, education, and training.

Call

We invite submission of research papers addressing any of these issues, and all related topics concerning **the labor market experience of young workers**. In particular, this includes impact evaluations of labor market policies and educational programs. We are interested in both evidence from developed and developing economies. Novel interventions and analyses of labor market institutions facing youths, as well as methodological papers in program evaluation and survey papers will be considered.

Please send a full paper or extended abstract to youthimpact@rwi-essen.de by **21 April 2017**.

Acceptance decisions will be communicated by **05 May 2017**.

The conference

The conference brings together policy makers, NGO practitioners, experts from international organizations, and researchers working on helping disadvantaged youths find quality employment. It takes place at the **GIZ Repräsentanz** in the heart of Berlin <https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/2119.html>.

Academic keynote: Professor Jeffrey Smith, University of Michigan.

The conference is part of a research project that *RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research* is conducting together with *GIZ – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit*, the *International Labour Organisation ILO*, the *World Bank*, and the *Inter-American Development Bank IDB*. The project is financed by the *Leibniz Association*. There is no conference or registration fee.

Conference organizer: Prof. Jochen Kluge, RWI and Humboldt University Berlin.