

SPECIAL SESSION “LABOUR MARKET REFORMS IN DEVELOPED, DEVELOPING AND TRANSITION ECONOMIES”

Organized by Research Area L Labour Economics (Jesus Ferreiro), the Structuralist Development Macroeconomics Research Group SDMRG of the University of Brasilia (Jose Luis Oreiro), and the journal Panoeconomicus (Kosta Josifidis).

The objective of the Special Session is to analyse the impact of the labour markets reforms that a high number of developed, developing and transition economies have implemented in the last decades with the aim of making the labour markets more flexible, and, as a consequence, improve the results in terms of employment creation and unemployment rates.

Most of these reforms have focused on acting on employment protection legislation and reforming the regulatory framework of the collective bargaining framework by increasing the bargaining power of employers (to the detriment of that of trade unions) and promoting a more decentralised collective bargaining and shifting much of the regulation of working conditions from the legal framework to collective bargaining.

However, contrary to the empirical studies carried out in the late 1990s and early 2000s, recent studies point out that these processes of labour liberalisation and deregulation have not generated the positive results that were initially expected. On the contrary, these studies highlight the emergence of problems, not only economic but also social ones, stemming from excessive labour flexibility that has led to a huge labour segmentation. Indeed, especially in the aftermath of the Global Financial Crisis and the Great Recession, several countries have undertaken what can be called labour counter-reforms to correct the negative short- and long-term effects of clearly excessive labour flexibility.

We invite papers considering, but not limited to, the study of the effects of labor reforms, especially with regard to the conditions of employment protection legislation and collective bargaining processes. These works can deal with the effects on employment and unemployment, labor segmentation, inequality and poverty, the productive structure, or strategies and models of long-term economic development and growth. The study of the effects of labor reforms, especially with regard to the conditions of employment protection legislation and collective bargaining processes. These works can deal with the effects on employment and unemployment, labor segmentation, inequality and poverty, the productive structure, or strategies and models of long-term economic development and growth.

A selection of papers presented at the Special Issue will be published in the journal Panoeconomicus (<http://panoeconomicus.org/index.php/jorunal>)

The abstracts of proposed papers must be submitted at the EAEPE website: https://eaepe.org/?page=events&side=annual_conference&sub=abstract_submission.

Submission deadline is April 1st, 2022.

Authors must select **[SPECIAL7] Labour market reforms in developed, developing and transition economies** as research area of the submission

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