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Pre-conference
Tue 16th October

GLOBAL SCENARIO AND TOOLS
10.00 – 12.30
(Conference Room)

Youth and the “Great Recession”, Niall O’Higgins, University of Salerno
Do Minimum Wages Reduce Youth Employment in the United States?, Sylvia Allegretto, Berkeley, University of California

15.00-17.30
(Room n. 1)

Giovani e lavoro. Position paper della Scuola Internazionale di Dottorato in Formazione della persona e mercato del lavoro, Giuseppe Bertagna, University of Bergamo

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Contemporary Developments in Australian Industrial Relations, Chris Leggett, James Cook University
Industrial Relations in Europe, Richard Hyman, London School of Economics and Pietro Manzella, ADAPT Senior Research Fellow

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The role of public policy in creating high skill employment for youth, Anil Verma, Toronto University
Which youth employment policy at a time when enterprises externalize production and services?, Jean-Michel Servais, Liège and Girona Universities

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International conference
Thur 18th October
9.00 – 9.30
(Conference Room)

Opening Remarks, Emmanuele Massagli, ADAPT President

PLENARY SESSION:
YOUTH IN THE GLOBAL SCENARIO
9.30 -11.30
(Conference Room)

Introductory remarks: Francesca Fazio (University of Bergamo)
Speakers: Sylvia Allegratto (Berkeley, University of California), Anil Verma (Toronto University), Jean-Michel Servais (Liège and Girona Universities)
Chair: Lisa Rustico (University of Bergamo)

PLENARY SESSION:
LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK
11.30-13.30
(Conference Room)

Introductory remarks: Michele Tiraboschi (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)
Speakers: Jozsef Hajdu (Szeged University), Antonio Márquez Prieto (University of Malaga), Jordi Garcia Viña (University of Barcelona)
Chair: Annamaria Minervini (University of Bergamo)

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WORKSHOP I
THE CHALLENGE OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
(English language)
15.00-18.00
(Conference Room)

Chair: Sylvia Allegretto (Berkeley, University of California) and Anil Verma (Toronto University)

Speakers:
Balázs Rossu (University of Szeged) and Attila Kun (Károli Gáspár University), Challenges of Youth Employment in Hungary
Zakaria Shvelidze (Tbilisi State University), Tackling Youth Unemployment in Georgia
Gabriele Gamberini (University of Bergamo), Giovani e riforme del lavoro: il caso italiano
Mesele Welemariam Araya (University of Bergamo), The Quest for Inclusive Labour Market in Africa
Francesca Sperotti (University of Bergamo), Le sfide del 2050: i lavoratori del futuro, il futuro del lavoro

WORKSHOP II
YOUTH AND THE LABOUR MARKET: COMPARING LATIN AMERICA, ITALY AND SPAIN
(Italian and Spanish language)
15.00-18.00
(Room n. 1)

Chair: Antonio Márquez Prieto (University of Malaga) and Jordi Garcia Viña (University of Barcelona)

Speakers:
Carmen Solís Prieto (University of Sevilla), La apuesta española por la formación ante el acuciante desafío del desempleo juvenil: ¿una velada apuesta por la precariedad y los ajustes económicos?
Ailed Labrada Sosa (University of Bergamo), Mercado de trabajo. Una mirada a Cuba.
Ricardo Barona Betancourt (Universidad Externado de Colombia), Ventajas del ejercicio del derecho de asociación sindical por los jóvenes trabajadores
Alma Elena Rueda (Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas - UNAM), La Situación Laboral de los Jóvenes en México
Gina Simoncini (University of Bergamo), La sfida del lavoro minorile
Luisa Tadini (University of Bergamo), Invecchiamento demografico e previdenza: per reagire alla sfida demografica quale spazio per un intervento di welfare?
WORKSHOP III
SCHOOL TO WORK TRANSITION
(English language)
15.00-18.00
(Room n. 6)
Chair: Hiruy Wubie (University of Gondar)
Speakers: Erika E. Gericke (Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg), The transitions between General education, Vocational Education and Training and the labour market in Germany and England
Anabel Ternès (SRH Hochschule Berlin), The managers of tomorrow: How well students feel prepared by universities, to behave in terms of CSR
Visarut Tangchuang (Chiang Mai Rajabhat University), Education and School-to-work Transition: a Comparative Study on Policies and Practices in the Greater Mekong Subregion
Benadeth Ndidiamaka Ezekoye (University of Nigeria), Youth self-employment and the emerging software development industry in Sub-Saharan Africa: curricula and policy imperatives
Nour-eddine Labiad (Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane), The preparedness of Moroccan graduates for the job market and the school-work gap in Morocco
Yasaman Parpinchee (President of Alumni Adapt Association), Generation Y and the Labour Market

18.00
Awarding of the Prize – International Call in memory of Matias Sperotti (1° Edition)

International conference
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PLENARY SESSION:
PRODUCTIVITY AND HUMAN CAPITAL: THE ROLE OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
9.30 -11.30
(Conference Room)
Introductory remarks: Paolo Tomassetti (University of Bergamo) and Maria Tuttobene (University of Bergamo)
Speakers: Richard Hyman (London School of Economics), Chris Leggett (James Cook University), Rebecca Gumbrell-McCormick (Birkbeck, University of London)
Chair: Pietro Manzella (ADAPT Senior Research Fellow)
PLENARY SESSION:
AGE AND DISCRIMINATION
11.30–13.00
(Conference Room)

Introductory remarks: Rosita Zucaro (University of Bergamo)
Speakers: Malcolm Sargeant (Middlesex University), Helga Hejny (Middlesex University)
Chair: Valentina Sorci (University of Bergamo)

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International conference
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PLENARY SESSION:
RETHINKING SCHOOL-TO-WORK TRANSITION: THE CASE OF APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING
15.00-17.30
(Conference Room)

Introductory remarks: Lilli Casano (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) and Enrica Carminati (University of Bergamo)
Speakers: Giuditta Alessandrini (Roma Tre University), Philipp Gonon (University of Zürich), Hiruy Wubie (University of Gondar)
Chair: Umberto Buratti (University of Bergamo)

17.30-18.00
(Conference Room)

Closing Remarks, Stefano Paleari, Rector of University of Bergamo

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