

Call for Papers TASKS III: Changing Tasks – Consequences for Inequality

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Location:

Institute for Employment
Research (IAB),
Nuremberg, Germany

The Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BiBB), the Institute for Employment Research (IAB) and the Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW) are pleased to invite you to attend the jointly organized third international TASKS conference. The conference is concerned with the role of job tasks for labour market outcomes. A special focus of the conference is on the change of job tasks over time and its potential impact on wage inequality. In many industrialized countries the wage distribution has changed significantly in the last decades, which has led to an increased wage inequality. Simultaneously, we observe a changing task structure in those economies. Hence, the conference aims at understanding the relationship between increasing wage and employment inequality on the one hand and the changing task structure on the other hand.

The scientific committee therefore encourages contributions from all areas of labour economics and related fields focusing on the role of tasks in explaining changes in the wage and employment structure. Sociological, pedagogical or cross-disciplinary perspectives utilizing the task framework to address inequalities like unequal access to jobs or occupational positions due to educational or personal backgrounds or further aspects of inequality are expressly welcome. Moreover, the conference invites contributions using the task-based approach for clarification of related research questions, e.g. with regard to technology, changing skill demand, occupational mobility, local labour markets, trade, offshoring, the role of institutions, labour market imperfections, measuring tasks or operationalizing tasks and task groups. Both, empirical and theoretical papers are welcome.

Key-Note Speakers / invited Lectures

- David Autor (MIT Economics, Cambridge MA, USA)
- Thomas Lemieux (University of British Columbia, Canada)
- Michael Handel (Northeastern University Boston, USA)
- Uta Schönberg (University College London, UK)

Scientific Committee

- Bernd Fitzenberger (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Germany)
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- Reinhold Weiß (BiBB, Bonn, Germany)
- Holger Bonin (ZEW, Mannheim, Germany)
- Joachim Möller (IAB, Nuremberg, Germany)

Submission

The deadline for submission is December 1, 2013. Please submit electronic versions of extended abstracts (3 pages) or full papers in PDF to tasks@iab.de. You will be notified on acceptance of your paper by January 15, 2014. All presenters will be asked to submit a full paper version until May 1, 2014. Please register no later than May 1, 2014.

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Paper presenters are not obliged to pay the conference fee of 75 Euros. Doctoral students who present a paper may apply for financial support to cover accommodation and travel expenses. Please register no later than May 1, 2014.

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