



ESRC Seminar Series

Young people and precarious work

Young people face a particularly difficult time as a consequence of the financial crisis of 2008 and the subsequent fiscal challenges facing countries around the world. Young people are far more likely than other groups to be struggling to find work and, when they do, the work is more likely to be precarious and insecure. The effects of precarious employment are particularly invidious on young workers as negative early experiences transitions into work are more likely to be associated with a general reduction in life chances.

This series of four seminars will examine the particular challenges facing young workers and society more widely as a consequence of these difficulties. The seminars will be multi-disciplinary, bringing together both academics and policy makers.

Seminar 1 - Friday 11th March 2011

International Patterns of Precarious Work Amongst Young People

Coventry University, UK

The focus of the first seminar will be on national variations in precarious work and will set the framework for discussion and analysis in future sessions which will focus to a greater degree on the UK. An international perspective is important because of the influence of national institutions (e.g. systems of employment regulation and government policies) in structuring the nature and form of precarious work. The aim of this seminar is to begin to identify patterns of similarity and difference underlying precarious work in different institutional contexts. A full agenda appears on the following page.

Please register for this event in advance by emailing the organisers

LOCATION:

Coventry University, James Starley Building, Room JS106, Cox Street, Coventry, CV1 5FB, UK
Detailed maps and directions can be found here:

<http://www.coventry.ac.uk/interactivemap>

A limited amount of funds are available for UK-based PhD students who wish to travel to the seminars if no other source of funding is available. Please contact the organisers for further information.

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10 am	Tea and coffee Registration		
10.30 to 12.30	Melanie Simms	Welcome and EU27 comparative overview of young precarious work	University of Warwick
	Inmaculada Baviera	Internships for youth in the UK and Spain: a comparative analysis from the UN and EU recommendations	University of Navarra
	Luis Enrique Alonso & Carlos J. Fernández Rodríguez	Born to be Precarious: Young workers trajectories and discourses in Spain (1975-2010).	Universidad Autonoma de Madrid
	Ming Zhang	After the 'Iron Rice Bowl': Young Workers and Precarious Employment in China	Queen Mary, University of London
12.30 to 13.30	Lunch		
13.30 to 15.30	Valentina Cuzzocrea	What makes the precariat precarious: Italy and its youth	Department of Economic and Social Research, Cagliari
	Francesca Dota	Economic crisis and flexibility in Italy: the "tsunami" of youth unemployment	IRES - Italy
	Ioannis Poupkos	Young precarious workers and trade unions: an international perspective	ITUC Youth Committee
16.00 to 16.30	Tea and coffee Informal discussion		