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CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

SCHOOL-TO-WORK TRANSITIONS IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY

28th Annual Workshop of the European Research Network on Transitions in Youth

DATE:
2/3 September 2021

LOCATION:
Virtual

**SUBMISSION OF
ABSTRACTS:**
By 15 May 2021 to
IAB.TIY2021@iab.de

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to cancel our 2020 annual workshop of the European Research Network on Transitions in Youth (TIY) and we will organize the 28th annual meeting as an online conference only, which will take place 2 - 3 September 2021. The Institute for Employment Research (IAB) will host this annual online workshop.

This year's theme is **school-to-work transitions in times of uncertainty**.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected young people's school to work transitions (STWT) in manifold ways. Standard forms of education were replaced by online and home-schooling, exams were delayed or skipped, access to firm based training was reduced due to shut downs of businesses or firm closures, job search became less successful as job-openings were reduced, and employment services were not accessible. However, the patterns of Covid-19 pandemic induced restrictions have varied over time and between countries. As we know from a rich body of literature, the transition process from completion of education to the attainment of a stable job varies over European countries due to different macro-economic situations, institutional settings, different educational and labor market policies, and different cultures.

Given the country- and time-specific responses to the pandemic, we anticipate the impact on STWTs will vary, reflecting, at least in part, country-specific STWT regimes, including the educational system and the labour market.

In this year's workshop, we invite papers on the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, and/or previous periods of turbulence, for the nature of the transition process. In particular, special attention will be paid to the following themes:

- Vocational orientation, guidance and counselling in COVID times
- Unemployment and job search behavior
- Changes in educational plans and attainment
- Job security, quality of job and wages
- COVID-effects on health and other domains of young people's lives
- COVID-related policies on school-to work transitions.

The list of suggested themes is neither complete nor exclusive. Theoretically driven empirical research on other aspects of youth transitions that is based on high-quality (longitudinal) data, and experimental or intervention studies, is also welcome. The committee also invites conceptual contributions, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses.

The Network Committee, therefore, cordially invites authors to submit contributions concerning the area of youth transitions, especially – but not exclusively – the analysis of effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on transitions from education to the labour market.

If you wish to present a paper at the workshop, please send an abstract (500 words) to the email address below by **May 15, 2021**. In keeping with our usual procedures, members of the Network Committee will assess abstracts based on their quality and relevance to the theme of the workshop. Authors will be notified of the decision regarding their paper **early June 2021**.

The conference will take place online, including standard presentations and discussions and additional web-based social activities (breakout rooms and virtual coffee/bar). There will be no conference fee but access only by registration. To ensure the smooth running of the workshop, participants are requested to register by **July 15, 2021**.

To make papers available to workshop participants in advance, final (electronic) versions should reach the local organizers by **August 15, 2020**.

Local organizing team:

Hans Dietrich, Alexander Patzina, Anton Barabasch and Marie Lena Muschik

Relevant websites:

To be announced

Submission of abstracts:

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