Call for participants

The Research Network Macroeconomics and Macroeconomic Policies (FMM) organises its 17th conference on

The Jobs Crisis: Causes, Cures, Constraints

24 – 26 October 2013, Berlin

with introductory lectures on heterodox economics for graduate students on 24 October 2013

More than five years after the beginning of the financial crisis in the United States, the world economy is still highly fragile. In particular, many countries are facing a severe jobs crisis. This is especially true for the euro area, which fell back into recession in 2012 and where unemployment has reached unprecedented levels. Especially worrying is the surge in youth unemployment in some countries. Even in those parts of the world, where unemployment is comparably low, a jobs crisis exists of a different nature: many jobs are increasingly precarious and low paid. Where are new and decent jobs to come from? In many countries, fiscal policy appears firmly set on an austerity course, while the ability of monetary policy to further stimulate the economy is questioned. What is the scope of macroeconomic policy to reduce unemployment? What is the role of labour market institutions and policies in the current context? And in the face of environmental concerns, how can employment be decoupled from economic growth and green jobs promoted?

Speakers in plenary sessions: Dean Baker (Center for Economic and Policy Research), Laurence Ball (John Hopkins University), Rod Cross (University of Strathclyde), Gerald Epstein (University of Massachussets, Amherst), Joachim Möller (Institute for Employment Research, IAB), Sigrid Stagi (Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration), Engelbert Stockhammer (Kingston University), Lance Taylor (New School), Raymond Torres (International Institute of Labor Studies).

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