



**Corso di laurea magistrale in
Scienze internazionali
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EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR MARKET POLICIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT Lab

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1. Background

The pursuit of full and productive employment remains one of the highest and most challenging items on the national and international policy agendas. While the world economy is recovering from the shock of the 2008-2009 financial crisis, labour markets are slow in following through. The issue is equally relevant to industrialized and developing countries, though the symptoms may be different in higher-income economies (high rate of unemployment and especially youth unemployment, low rates of activity, particularly for women, increasing precariousness of employment contracts) than in lower-income economies (large share of informal employment, large numbers of working poor, large flows of migration).

As a result, *“sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all”* has become an explicit priority of the new international Sustainable Development Goal Agenda (SDG no. 8). According to the estimates of the International Labour Organization (ILO), over 600 million new jobs need to be created by 2030 just to keep pace with the growth of the global working age population. Also, 300 million women and men are working but not earning enough to lift themselves and their families above USD 1.90-a-day poverty line. In the context of the global economy, challenges such as jobless growth, technological innovation, demographic growth and migration flows may require effective and coordinated policy responses.

Against this background, national policy measures have by and large failed so far to provide effective solutions, mainly due to a number of factors, such as restrictive economic and fiscal scenarios, but also poor coordination among economic, industrial, labour market and educational policies. The notion that job creation is essentially a spillover of economic growth is still prevailing and policies mostly focus on the labour supply side. Also, poor economic policy coordination represents a constraint in the performance of the global labour market. Finally, barriers to social inclusion continue to represent a significant obstacle to the attainment of full and decent employment.

2. Learning objectives

At the end of the laboratory, students will have obtained a better understanding and awareness of global employment trends, on the interface between economic, social and labour market policies, and on possible options to promote the creation of more and better jobs on a national and global scale. They will also have acquired some concept and tools to better understand and analyze the labour market impact of politically controversial issues such as labour rights, the nature of employment relationship, flexicurity and immigration.

3. Learning methodology

The laboratory will be delivered through six 3-hour sessions combining lectures with inter-active processes, including group work, brainstorming and roleplays. The workshop's language is English.

4. Learning content and Sessions

Session 1 – 27/9	Decent work, development and poverty reduction
Session 2 – 4/10	Sustainable growth and employment creation in the global economy
Session 3 – 11/10	The economic impact of rights at work
Session 4 – 18/10	Labour market governance
Session 5 – 25/10	Labour market policies and reforms
Session 6 – 26/10	The future of work

5. When and where

Thursdays from September 27 to October 25, plus Friday October 26. Hours 8,30-11,00 (15 minutes break). Room H6.

6. Admission

The workshop is open to MA students of the Department of Culture, Politics and Society and particularly to those of International Studies that have 20 places reserved. 5 places are reserved for undergraduate students of International Studies, Cooperation and Development. The workshop has limited places (30).

To apply write to scienzeinternazionali.dcps@unito.it (OBJ: Apply to Employment Lab). Deadline for applications: September 20th. Students will be admitted on a first come first basis. The admitted students will receive a confirmation mail. NOTE: due to limited places, students who decide to not participate are requested to provide a notification as soon as possible in order to facilitate the repechage.

7. Evaluation

The evaluation to obtain 3 CFU is based on active participation to the workshop and on the writing of a very short essay during the Lab. One absence (3 hours) is tolerated.