

/Asking questions about Central and Eastern European labour markets

Conference to honour the 10th anniversary of Central European Labour Studies Institute

March 7, 2019, Hotel Falkensteiner, Bratislava, Slovakia

14:00-15:00 /Opening remarks

Martin Kahanec, Scientific Director, Central European Labour Studies Institute
Marta Kahancová, Managing Director, Central European Labour Studies Institute

/Industrial relations in the platform economy in Slovakia

Mária Sedláková, Researcher, Central European Labour Studies Institute

/Estimating living wages in Central and Eastern Europe

Martin Guzi, Researcher, Central European Labour Studies Institute

/Impact of new technologies on working conditions in the automotive industry

Monika Martišková, Researcher, Central European Labour Studies Institute

15:00-15:15 /Break

15:15-16:45 /Panel discussion: The future of labour market research in Central and Eastern Europe

András Horvai, Country Director and Resident Representative for the Russian Federation, World Bank

Cristina Mihes, Senior Specialist in Social Dialogue and Labour Law, International Labour Organisation

Agnieszka Piasna, Senior Researcher, European Trade Unions Institute, Brussels, Belgium

Triin Roosalu, Associate Professor of Sociology, School of Governance, Law and Society, Tallinn University, Estonia

Maarten Van Klaveren, Senior Researcher, Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Chair: Marta Kahancová, Managing Director, Central European Labour Studies Institute

16:45-17:00 /Break

17:00-18:00 /Main Gaps in Research Infrastructures in Central and Eastern Europe

Nikos Askitas, Coordinator of Data and Technology, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), Germany

18:00-19:00 /Refreshments

The conference language is English.

/SPEAKERS' SHORT BIOGRAPHIES

Martin Kahanec – labour economist, founder and scientific director of the Central European Labour Studies Institute (CELSI), Bratislava. Professor at the Central European University (CEU) in Budapest. Research associate at the University of Economics in Bratislava and affiliated scholar at Centre for Population, Development and Labour Economics, United Nations University. His main research interests are labour and population economics, ethnicity, migration, and reforms in Central Eastern European labour markets.

Marta Kahancová – labour sociologist, founder and managing director of Central European Labour Studies Institute (CELSI). Her research agenda focuses on industrial relations and working conditions in Central and Eastern European countries. She has contributed to the European Commission's flagship report *Industrial Relations in Europe 2012*, to numerous international research projects in industrial relations and working conditions funded by the EC, the World Bank, the ILO, and national governments. She has published on trade unions, social dialogue, industrial relations and related topics in international academic journals and has co-authored many comparative reports on these topics. She serves as the Slovak representative in the Global Labour Organization.

Mária Sedláková – researcher at Central European Labour Studies Institute (CELSI) in Bratislava, involved in several international research projects on industrial relations, atypical/new forms of employment including the platform economy, collective bargaining and social dialogue in CEE region. She has a profound experience in qualitative data analysis, interviewing social partners in various EU member states, report writing and academic publications.

Martin Guzi – CELSI researcher and assistant professor at Masaryk University in Brno supported by the programme of “Employment of Best Young Scientists for International Cooperation Empowerment”. His research interests are labour economics and applied econometrics, with a focus on welfare driven migration, the relationship between immigration and well-being in Europe, and Chinese internal migration. On behalf of CELSI he is involved in the scientific research group in the global WageIndicator project and responsible for quantitative analysis of data from the WageIndicator cost of living survey.

Monika Martišková - researcher at Central European Labour Studies Institute (CELSI) Bratislava. Her research interests include labour markets institutions and collective bargaining in CEE countries, precarious work, income inequalities, and regional disparities and active labour market policies in Slovakia and Czechia. Recently she has been focusing on analyzing the impact of new technologies on working conditions in the automotive industry in CEE countries. She has participated in various international research projects and has experience in both qualitative and quantitative data analysis.

András Horvai – World Bank's country director and resident representative for the Russian Federation. Until September 2015, he served as the Manager of Operations and Portfolio, managing the World Bank Group's Office in Vienna and the portfolio of World Bank-financed projects in the countries of South-East Europe. Since joining the World Bank in 1993 he has worked extensively on Europe and Central Asia, including the countries of South-East Europe, Turkey and Poland, as well as South Asia.

Cristina Mihes – Senior specialist in social dialogue and labour law and a regional expert for international labour standards in the International Labour Organisation (ILO). She is part of the team for Decent Work in ILO's Country Office for Central and Eastern Europe in Budapest. For the last 10 years she has been responsible for devising, coordination and delivery of technical assistance in labour and industrial relations reforms, labour dispute resolution and international labour standards in EU member states and accession countries in Central and Eastern Europe.

Agnieszka Piasna – senior researcher in the Economic, Employment and Social policies research unit at the European Trade Union Institute in Brussels, Belgium. Her research interests lie in the areas of job quality, labour market policies and regulation, working time, and gender issues. She coordinates research in the framework of the ETUI project on contingent and platform work. She also served on the European Statistical Advisory Committee.

Triin Roosalu - Associate Professor of Sociology at School of Governance, Law and Society, Tallinn University and Senior Researcher in the Institute for International Social Studies, Tallinn University, Estonia. Her field of research are social sciences and culture and society, with specialisation in welfare state, postsocialist societies, labour market participation, gender inequality in the labour market, gender regimes and ideologies.

Maarten Van Klaveren – economist and labour sociologist, a senior researcher at Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies (AIAS), University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. He was labour consultant in the field of technology, work organisation, and industrial relations at STZ consultancy & research, Netherlands between 1985 and 2015. His recent publications focus on multinational firms and market structures, global value chains, collective bargaining and wage setting processes in global and comparative perspectives. He participates in research and data analysis of the global WageIndicator network.

Nikos Askitas – head of Research Data Center (IDSC) and the ICT coordinator at the Institute of Labour Economics (IZA), Bonn Germany. He joined IZA in 2000. He is responsible for all data and technology issues and is a member of both the research and the service units of IZA. Working as a mathematician, data scientist and economist, he explores new avenues of research and policy in labour economics but also in social science more generally while he oversees the Institute's ICT operations.