

KEYNOTE

Kirak Ryu

Kirak Ryu is a Senior Research Fellow and the Head of Employment, Skills Development, and Qualifications Research Division at the Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education and Training (KRIVET) in Sejong, Korea. He has participated in a series of research projects on skills development systems, active labour market policies, connections between employment and well-being, and comparison of adult competencies across OECD countries. His research interests include labour markets and social policies, inequalities and social stratification, and international comparative studies.

WORKING GROUP 1

Marco Biagetti

Marco Biagetti holds a Ph.D. in Economic Statistics and is currently a senior researcher at the Italian National Institute for Public Policy Analysis (INAPP). He has already held the position of Adjunct Professor in Economics, Industrial Organization, Financial Econometrics and International Economics. He has also worked as a policy advisor in national organisations. His research interests cover micro and macro econometrics as well as health economics and regional health indicators.

Irene Brunetti

Irene Brunetti is a researcher in Applied Economics at the Italian National Institute for Public Policy Analysis (INAPP) and a project manager of the European project “Modernising social Protection System in Italy”. Her research interests are manifold and include the labour market, inequality, applied economics, and public policy evaluation.

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Torgeir Nyen is a researcher and project manager of the Fafo project “The contribution of skilled workers and apprentices in innovation processes”. He is a political scientist researching in the areas of VET, lifelong learning, educational drop-out, and school development and learning.

Johan Røed Steen

Johan Røed Steen is a researcher at Fafo and is currently doing a Ph.D. in Work Science at the University of Gothenburg on the impact of digitalisation on skill demand and competence management strategies. He has been involved in two projects on the contribution of skilled workers to innovation processes and has also participated in various research projects on labour relations and the future of work.

Patrick Lehnert

Patrick Lehnert has been an Assistant Professor of Personnel Economics in the Faculty of Economics at the University of Zurich since October 2022. He previously worked at the Institute for Employment Research (IAB) in Nuremberg. His research focuses on the empirical analysis of human resource economics with a special emphasis on the economics of innovation and education as well as the development of regional economic indicators based on satellite data.

WORKING GROUP 2

Michael Tiemann

Michael Tiemann is a sociologist and the Head of the “Qualifications, Occupational integration and Employment” division at BIBB. He holds a doctorate in Sociology from the University of Cologne. His research topics focus on the development of occupational content, knowledge at work and working with knowledge, as well as the transformation of the world of work

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Valeria Cirillo is an Associate Professor of Political Economy at the Department of Political Science of the University of Bari and is an external affiliate of the Institute of Economics of the Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa. Her research interests include various fields such as employment dynamics, innovation processes, and labour market dynamics.

Steven Dhondt

Steven Dhondt is a senior scientist at TNO and Professor of Workplace Innovation at KU Leuven in Belgium. His main focus is on the impacts of the newest technologies on organisational and work practice. At TNO, he coordinates the Smart Working-research programme, developing insights into robotics and digitalisation on organisational practices.

Adele Whelan

Adele Whelan is a Senior Research Officer in the Economic Analysis Division. Her policy research has bridged quantitative and qualitative research methods across a number of core areas including labour market economics, economics of education, programme evaluation, community development, and social inclusion.

WORKING GROUP 3

Bénédicte Zimmermann

Bénédicte Zimmermann is a sociologist. She is a permanent fellow at the WIKO Berlin and “Directrice d’études” at the École des hautes études en sciences sociales in Paris. Her research topics are the sociological history of categories of public action in France and Germany, sociology of flexibility, business and career paths, work, markets, public regulation and privacy, capability approach, epistemology and methodology of comparison, transfers and cross-story.

Linda Clarke

Linda Clarke is the Professor of European Industrial Relations at the Westminster Business School (WBS) and responsible for a distinct programme of research in the Centre for the Study of the Production of the Built Environment (ProBE), a joint research centre spanning WBS and the School of Architecture and Cities. Her main interests concern labour, vocational education and training (VET), labour history, and industrial relations. Over the years she has carried out research on skills, VET, qualifications, wage relations, social protection, oral labour history, diversity, gender, migration and labour organisation in a range of European countries.

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PLENARY DISCUSSION

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Terence Hogarth is a professor at the Institute for Employment Research at the University of Warwick where he leads a research programme on vocational education and training (VET) with a particular emphasis on apprenticeships. This research is very much concerned with understanding the relative effectiveness of national VET systems in satisfying both current and future labour market demand.

PANEL

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Soorin Yoon is currently the Director of the Centre for International Cooperation at KRIVET. She is responsible for diverse TVET-related international projects, including projects aligned with international organisations. Furthermore, she is engaged in comparative studies on TVET or TVET-related institutions in Korea and Asian countries, Korea and European countries etc. She holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from Sogang University.

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