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**A Finno-Russian seminar for doctoral and postdoctoral researchers
at the University of Tampere November 6-7.2013:**

Transitions in Work and Labour Markets – Challenges for transnational cooperation

Call for Papers

Theme of the seminar

The current labour market and working life have been characterized in terms of economic and social restructuring, crisis, recession, increase of inequalities, individualization of performance and risks and shifting boundaries of work and social activity. At the same time, we find also given omnipotence of actors, be that governments, institutions of state, labour market partners, among others, to act and develop adequate policies in order to buffer the social costs of economic restructuring. We ask, for example, how does the current economic crisis restructure the work and labour markets of individual states, regions and groups of labour? How do we interpret the booming of atypical working status? How should the boundary between paid and unpaid work be redefined? A typical worker is entitled to most work-related welfare. However, individuals who do not meet the traditional definitions of paid work have found it difficult to claim their social rights.

Therefore, we would like to raise discussion on how work and welfare are interrelated and what are the implications of these interrelations for the unemployed and various groups of working age people? Are the ongoing restructuring of working life, relations of work and non-work shifting or reproducing gender or other social categories or the concept of work? The seminar takes a critical view of the working life by paying attention to the current and future trends in the work and labour markets.

Responsible organizer

The Finnish Doctoral Program on Labour and Welfare Studies (LabourNet) invites PhD students and postdoctoral researchers from HSE in particular, but also senior researchers and supervisors of PhD students to participate in the seminar and discuss these themes. The seminar is organized in co-operation with the annual Working Life Research Conference at the University of Tampere at the beginning of November 2013.

Aims of the seminar

The comparative research and international collaboration are well-known means of learning. Considering this we invited doctoral students and their supervisors from Finnish and Russian universities for a joint collaboration and exchange of ideas. The collaboration will be organized in two parts: The first part takes place at the beginning of November at the University of Tampere and, the second part, in the context sociological conference organized by the High School of Economics, in Moscow in April 2014.

The seminar aims at giving PhD students a chance to present a paper in a conference circumstances, but what is even more important we promise to provide constructive feedback and advice from senior researchers and specialists of their topics. In addition, the seminar gives a possibility to develop article drafts further. The papers can either include theoretically founded analyses of empirical material or they can be theoretical explorations. The seminar consist of two lectures of the invited speakers and two workshop sessions, from which the latter one is organized as a part of the conference program and as one of conference workshops and is therefore open also to conference participants. In the long run this may lead to a further research-based cooperation between Finnish and Russian researchers.

Language policy

The working language is English in order to make the seminar open for international participants and speakers.

Papers

The papers for the workshop can include topics such as:

- recession and its implications on the welfare of Europeans
- ongoing restructuration of the concept of work and innovation or implication of relevant policies
- shifting boundaries of work and non-work and regimes of work
- new practices at the workplace and in the labour market
- contracts and contractuality at the workplace and in the wider society
- individualization of performance and risks

Abstracts (max. 300 words) for the workshop should be e-mailed by 27 September 2013 to oxana.krutova@uta.fi. Due to the nature of the workshop, the number of accepted papers will be limited to 7–9 papers in total. The accepted papers will be announced by the 9 October 2013. Deadline for submitting accepted papers (max. 8,000 words) is the 28 October 2013. The papers should be sent as an attachment to the same e-mail address. Please do not forget to indicate your name, affiliation(s) and e-mail address at the top of your abstract and full paper. Methodological, theoretical or empirical approaches relating to the seminar themes are equally invited. Papers should be written in English.

Expected participants

Doctoral and post-doctoral students presenting their papers in this seminar, commentators and other participants. Other conference participants are welcome to come and listen to the presentations.

Organizing team and contact information

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Timetable

Wednesday, 6 November

12.00–12.10	Opening
12.10–13.30	Lecture by the invited speaker
13.30–14.00	Coffee break
14.00–16.30	Participants' papers and commentaries

Thursday, 7 November

9.00–10.30	Lecture by the invited speaker
11.00	Opening of the Working Life Research Conference
14.00–17.00	Participants' papers and commentaries
17.00	Closing

On Thursday, 7 November, you can follow the keynote speakers of the Working Life Conference and participate in the conference dinner; on Friday, 8 November, you can participate in the conference program, but **this requires registration for the conference and payment of the participation fee in advance.**

Location

The seminar will be held at the campus of the University of Tampere. The specified locations of lectures and workshops will be announced in autumn.