

# CALL FOR PAPERS & PARTICIPATION

## LoWER

*European Low-wage Employment Research network*

in co-operation with the research project

## DEMPATEM

*Demand Patterns and Employment Growth*

# Conference on Consumption and Employment

*Can product demand explain the increase in the  
jobs gap between Europe and the US since the  
1970s?*

**Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies**  
**Amsterdam, Netherlands, 25-26 April 2003**

*Deadline for submitting papers: 10 March 2003*

### **Keynote speakers**

**Duncan Ironmonger**, Households Research Unit, Department of Economics,  
University of Melbourne, Australia  
*The Market and the Household Economy*

**Anna Lusardi**, Dartmouth College, Hanover New Hampshire  
*Household Savings and Public Policy in the US and Europe*

**Mark Pearson**, OECD-DEELSA, Paris  
*The Public and Private Provision of Social Services*

## Conference Organisers

Ronald Schettkat, Utrecht University; Wiemer Salverda and Adriaan Kalwij,  
Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies, University of Amsterdam;

The conference combines the interests of the **LoWER** network that asks whether professionalising low-skilled consumer services could stimulate consumer demand, and the **DEMPATEM** research project that asks what the role the structure of product demand plays for the level and growth of employment, particularly the role of consumption for the employment in services, in the US and the EU. More detailed insights can be gained from the work plans of LoWER and DEMPATEM, which can be found at: [www.uva.nl/aias/lower](http://www.uva.nl/aias/lower).

*We invite submission of empirical micro- and macroeconomic papers, either single-country papers or international comparisons of OECD countries, which aim to enquire into demand and employment on the following themes:*

- *Household consumption and savings*
- *Household employment participation and spending patterns*
- *Household savings behaviour: the role of mandatory saving*
- *Household savings behaviour over the economic cycle, internationally compared*
- *Consumer demand patterns, in particular concerning the demand for services*
- *Household demographics and demand patterns in OECD countries*
- *Structure of demand and structure of employment (in services?)*
- *Income inequality and consumer demand*
- *Public and private financing of services such as health care and education and their effects on consumer demand*
- *Product quality and consumer demand, particularly in services*
- *Baumol's cost disease in the service sector and the demand for goods and services*
- *Household time use, production and labour supply*
- *Taxation, prices and demand for low-skilled services*
- *Importance of consumer demand in final demand;*
- *Impact of wealth effects (assets, housing prices etc.) on consumer demand*
- *Do-it-yourself: preference or necessity?*  
*employment substitution effects*
- *Household supply of informal labour*

## Submission and participation

We prefer submission of complete papers but extended abstracts with preliminary results and conclusions will also be considered. The submission deadline is 10 March 2003 and the acceptance decision will be made before the 15 March 2003.

*Participation fee € 110 for authors of accepted papers and € 130 for other participants, € 130 and 160 respectively after 20 March.*

*Submission, registration and further enquiries (hotels etc.) by email: [aias@fee.uva.nl](mailto:aias@fee.uva.nl), by fax: +31 20 525 4301, by mail: AIAS, Plantage Muidergracht 4, 1918 TV Amsterdam, NL.*

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**Publications of LoWER**

- 1. Statistical Data Available on Low-Wage Employment in The European Unions and Its Member States  
Special Report to European Commission**  
LoWER/University of Groningen, April 1997
- 2. Low Pay and Earnings Mobility in Europe**  
Editors Rita ASPLUND, Peter SLOANE and Ioannis THEODOSSIOU  
Edward Elgar, Cheltenham; 200 pages, July 1998
- 3. Low-Wage Employment in Europe**  
Editors Stephen BAZEN, Mary GREGORY, Wiemer SALVERDA  
Edward Elgar, Cheltenham; 200 pages, December 1998
- 4. Policies for Low-Wage Employment and Social Exclusion in Europe**  
Editors Claudio LUCIFORA and Wiemer SALVERDA  
FrancoAngeli, Milano, 169 pages, October 1998
- 5. The Overeducated Worker? The Economics of Underutilization of Skills**  
Editors Andries DE GRIP and Lex BORGHANS  
Edward Elgar, 260 pages, March 2000
- 6. Labour Market Inequalities: Problems and Policies of Low-Wage Employment in International Perspective**  
Editors Mary GREGORY, Wiemer SALVERDA, Stephen BAZEN  
Oxford University Press, 248 pages, August 2000
- 7. Policy Measures for Low-Wage Employment in Europe**  
Editors Wiemer SALVERDA, Brian NOLAN and Claudio LUCIFORA  
Edward Elgar, 256 pages, November 2000
- 8. Benchmarking Low-Wage and High-Wage Employment in Europe and the United States**  
*A Study of New European Datasets and National Data for France, Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States*  
Wiemer SALVERDA, Brian NOLAN, Bertrand MAÎTRE and Peter MÜHLAU  
European Commission, DG Employment and Social Affairs, June 2001, 76 p.
- 9. The European-American Employment Gap, Wage Inequality, Earnings Mobility and Skill: A Study for France, Germany, The Netherlands, The United Kingdom and The United States**  
*Final Report*  
Wiemer SALVERDA, Mary GREGORY and Stephen BAZEN  
European Commission, DG Employment and Social Affairs, June 2001, 203 p.

## *Working Papers*

# 1 Peter Gottschalk

*Wage Mobility within and between Jobs*

April 2001

# 2 Andries de Grip en Geralt Nekkers

*Skills, Wage Dispersion and Wage Mobility in the 1990s: The case of the Netherlands, Germany, France and the United Kingdom*

April 2001

# 3 Stephen Bazen

*Youth and Earnings Mobility: The Case of France in a Comparative Framework*

April 2001

# 4 Mary Gregory and Sara Connolly

*Changing Status: Women's Part-Time Work and Wages in the United Kingdom*

April 2001

# 5 Peter Mühlau and Justine Horgan

*Cognitive Skills, Job Requirements and Labour Market and wage Position – Evidence from the International Adult Literacy Survey*

July 2001

# 7 Rannia Leontaridi and Peter Sloane

*Measuring the Quality of Jobs: Promotion Prospects, Low Pay and Job Satisfaction*

April 2001

# 8 Rita Asplund

*Mobility and Earnings: An Analysis of Finnish Manufacturing and Services*

April 2001