Call for Papers

Special Issue of Open Economies Review on Global Labor Markets

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Submission Deadline: November 1, 2016
Final Paper Due: November 1, 2016

About the Special Issue

Open Economies Review will publish a special issue during 2017 devoted to analysis of labor markets in advanced countries, emerging markets, and low-income countries. The issue will be edited by Karim El Aynaoui (OCP Policy Center), Nauro Campos (Brunel University) and Prakash Loungani (IMF).

This issue comes against a backdrop recovery in many advanced economies and sluggish growth in many developing economies (both emerging markets and low-income countries). The unemployment rate in developing economies is expected to increase over the course of this year, while the rate for advanced economies will probably decline.

In view of these development and other underlying trends in the world of work, prominent experts from international organizations, research institutes and academia are invited to share perspectives on jobs trends and strategies, jobs and growth’s linkage, employability and inclusion, effectiveness of structural reforms, particularly labor market policies, to name a few.
Topics include (but are not limited to):

The editors are particularly interested in these topics:

- Links between jobs, growth and productivity in the short-run and long-run;
- Analysis of trends in labor mobility within and across countries;
- Labor market issues in economic unions;
- Impact on macroeconomic policies (monetary; fiscal; financial) on labor markets;
- Impact of structural policies on growth and jobs;
- Impact of labor market institutions and policies in advanced and developing countries;
- Evidence on the economic and social costs of unemployment.

Papers comparing advanced and developing country labor markets, and papers devoted to analysis of labor markets in low-income countries, are particularly welcome.

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Paper Submission

Researchers interested in participating to this special issue should submit their paper by November 1, 2016 using our mail address: OERSPECIALISSUE@imf.org.

Only completed papers will be considered.

About the journal

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