



“Economic Crises, Labour Markets and Gender” International Workshop - CEE, Ires and Presage-OFCE

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The financial crisis of 2007 has diversely hit European countries, causing economic and labour market disequilibria of more or less magnitude. As with past global crises, the current one has gendered implications. While women's employment is said to be preserved relatively to men's in the early stages of a recession, austerity plans implemented in several countries to limit public deficits and debts are deemed to affect female workers more deeply.

The aim of the workshop is to explore the gendered dimensions of past and/or present crises' impacts on European labour markets. How gendered are these impacts and how should cross-country differences be analysed? The seminal book edited by Jill Rubery in 1988, *Women and recession*, carried out a comprehensive and comparative review of the gendered dimensions of past recessions that constitutes an invaluable guidebook for the present. Are common hypotheses – gender-segregation in the labour market, the extent of public support for women's participation, *etc.* – still relevant to analyzing the gender implications of recent crises? Are public policies implemented in times of crisis gender neutral or do they impact differently on women's and men's employment? The workshop will both adopt a comparative perspective and provide a focus on selected countries.

09:00-09:30 *Workshop Registration and coffee*

09:30-10:00 **Opening Address**

- **Anne Eydoux, Antoine Math and H el ene P erivier**
- **Jill Rubery** (University of Manchester), special guest and **Maria Karamessini** (University Pant eion, Ath enes) – “Women and recession: what has changed in this recession / austerity”

10:00-11:30 **Panel 1.1. “Comparative perspectives on women and recession”**
Chairperson 1: **Eric Heyer**, deputy director (OFCE)

- **H el ene P erivier** (PRESAGE-OFCE Sciences Po) – “Men and Women in the current recession : France, UK, DK, Germany, Spain, Italy, Sweden”
- **Antoine Math** (Ires) – “The impact of the recent crisis on young women and young men”
- **Mark Smith** ( cole de management de Grenoble) and Paula Villa – “The Long Tail of the Great Recession and the Consequences for Gender Equality”

11:30-12:00 *Coffee break*

12:00-13:30 Panel 1.2. “Comparative perspectives on women and recession”
Chairperson 2: **Mathilde Guergoat-Larivière** (CEE)

- **Eva Fodor** (IAS-Central European University, Budapest) and **Beata Nagy** (Corvinus University, Budapest) – “Gender and recession in Eastern Europe”
- **Janine Leschke** (Copenhagen Business School) and **Maria Jepsen** – “Is the economic crisis challenging the prevailing gender compromise? A comparison of Denmark, Germany, Slovakia and the UK”
- **Anne Eydoux** (CEE and University of Rennes 2) – “Women and men’s employment and unemployment in France and Germany: is the gender gap narrowing or reversing during economic crises?”

13:30 – 14:30 *Lunch break*

14:30-16:00 Panel 2.1. “Country experiences”
Chairperson: **Géraldine Rieucou** (CEE)

- **Yolanda Pena-Boquete** (University of Vigo) – “Did the economic crises reduce the gender gap on the Spanish labour market?”
- **Maria Karamessini** (University Pantéion, Athènes) and **Franciscos Koutentakis** (University of Crete) – “Labour market flows and gender unemployment dynamics in Greece during the crisis”
- **Maria do Pilar Gonzalez** (University of Porto) – “Crisis and gender in Portugal”

16:00-16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30-18:00 Panel 2.2. “Country experiences”
Chairperson: **Bernard Gazier** (University of Paris 1)

- **Claudia Weinkopf** (University of Duisburg-Essen) – “Women's employment in Germany - throughout the recent crisis and beyond”
- **Anthony Rafferty** (University of Manchester) – “The gender equality impact of recession and austerity: The UK case”
- **Anita Nyberg** – “Women and recession, the case of Sweden”

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