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The world of work is experiencing significant challenges. Many advanced economies are facing significant unemployment and labour market inactivity, notably as a result of the global crisis which erupted in 2008. In emerging and developing countries, progress in reducing working poverty and informal employment has slowed down. Everywhere, new technology, changes in global production patterns and population ageing

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lead to new job opportunities, while also exerting a profound impact on the linkages between large enterprises and their suppliers, and on the nature of work itself. Income inequalities tend to widen.

To shed light on these trends, the ILO has strengthened its research functions. The aim is to help discern the factors at work and to provide evidence-based analysis on how policies can best respond to emerging employment and social challenges. *ILO Research News* will present regular updates of the outcomes of this work.

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REPORTS



Spain: Growth with jobs

The aim of the Studies on Growth with Equity series is to show how strong and well-designed employment, labour and social protection measures are central – in combination with supportive macroeconomic policy – to building sustainable, job-rich and equitable growth.

http://ilo.org/global/publications/ilo-bookstore/order-online/books/WCMS_309955/lang--en/index.htm



World of Work 2014: Developing with jobs

This year's edition focuses on developing countries and argues that quality jobs are a key driver for development. It draws on evidence from over 140 developing countries and finds that a common factor amongst those countries that have achieved higher per capita income and sustained growth was quality jobs.

http://ilo.org/global/research/global-reports/world-of-work/2014/lang--en/index.htm



Global Employment Trends 2014: the risk of a jobless recovery

The weak global economic recovery has failed to lead to an improvement in global labour markets, with global unemployment in 2013 reaching almost 202 million

http://ilo.org/global/research/global-reports/global-employment-trends/2014/lang--en/index.htm

RESEARCH PAPERS



Why is female labour force participation declining so sharply in India?

This paper attempts to shed light on the causes behind the recent sharp decline in female labour force participation in India and to identify factors underpinning the long-term stagnation in female participation.

http://ilo.org/global/research/papers/WCMS_250977/lang--en/index.htm



Labour formalization and declining inequality in Argentina and Brazil

This paper analyses the processes of labour formalization in Brazil and Argentina and its interrelation with the evolution of income inequality over the 2000s. It also contributes to the debates on formalising the informal and how to reduce income inequality.

http://ilo.org/global/research/papers/WCMS_235111/lang--en/index.htm

Development and employment in Latin America and the Caribbean: A look ahead

The paper examines the achievements of social policy in terms of inclusive growth in Latin America. It also shows that, for further progress to be made, it is crucial to promote productive transformation.

http://www.ilo.org/global/research/publications/WCMS_317545/lang--sp/index.htm

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Why employment matters:
Reviving growth and reducing inequality

By Deepak NAYYAR

Do labour market reforms reduce labour productivity growth? A panel data analysis of 20 OECD countries (1960–2004)

By Robert VERGEER and Alfred KLEINKNECHT

The regional distribution of skill premia in urban China: Implications for growth and inequality

By John WHALLEY and Chunbing XING

Does output predict unemployment? A look at Okun's law in Greece

By Costas KARFAKIS, Constantinos KATRAKILIDIS and Eftychia TSANANA

Permanent liminality:

The impact of non-standard forms of employment on workers' committees in Israel

By Gadi NISSIM and David DE VRIES

How disability affects absenteeism:
An empirical analysis for six European countries

By Carlos GARCÍA-SERRANO and Miguel Á. MALO



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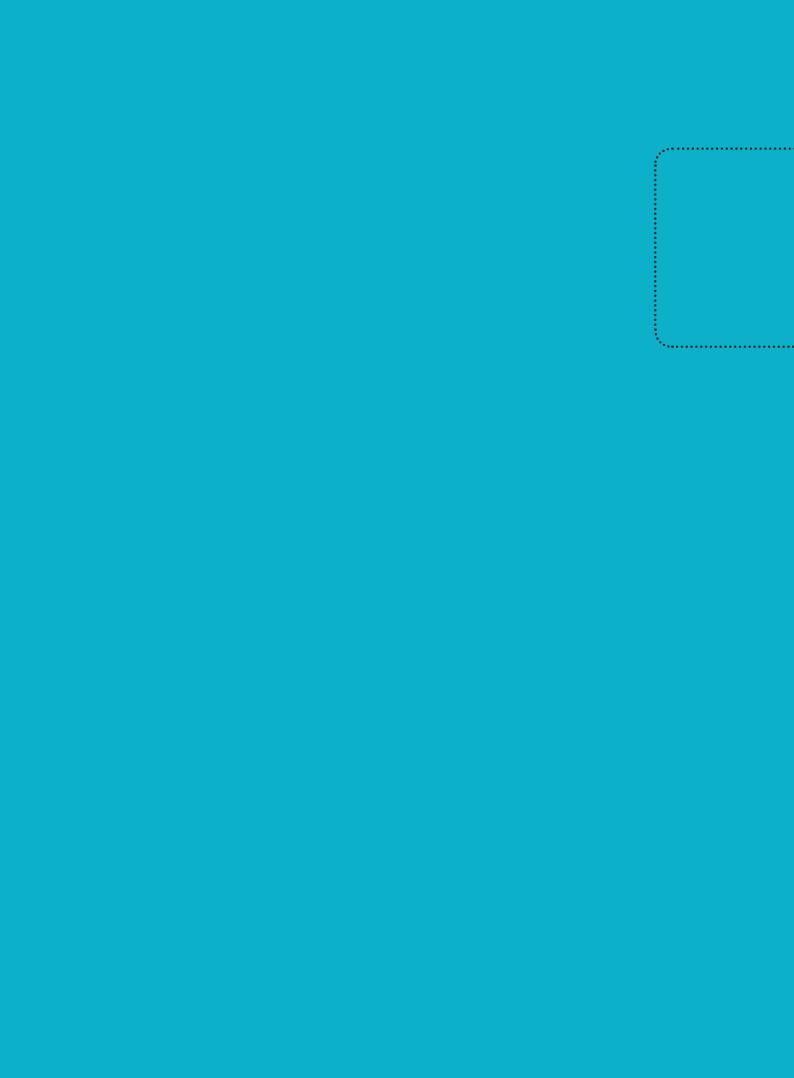
World Employment and Social Outlook

The flagship publication of the Research Department will be published twice a year. The January 2015 edition will provide projections for employment and social trends for the next few years. It will also explore the inter-connected nature of macroeconomic policies on the one hand, and employment and social outcomes on the other.

The second 2015 edition will undertake an evidence-based analysis of policies that achieve full employment and balanced incomes. It will also include an update to the employment and social outlook.

Research publications and papers can be found in

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