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24th ANNUAL WORKSHOP

TRENTO (ITALY)

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CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The 24th annual workshop of the European Research Network on Transitions in Youth (TIY) will take place in Trento, Italy on 7-10 September 2016. The workshop will be hosted by the Department of Sociology and Social Research jointly with the Center for Social Inequality Studies (CSIS) of the University of Trento.

The theme for this year's workshop is:

Transition to adulthood and life course inequalities: Good entry, good life?

After school-leaving, young people are finally ready to enter their adulthood, which usually starts with applying skills and knowledge acquired during formal education to pursue occupational careers that meets their preferences and expectations. Indeed, if the early stages of work life were not predictive of later life course developments, the transition from school to employment would not be so relevant for the whole process of entering adulthood, and its relevant steps – however ranked or sequenced.

As well recognised in the literature, the kind of entry into adult life influences later life course perspectives. The lion's share in this process is played by the kind of labour market entry, which often predefines not only individuals' life course trajectories but also their descendants' outcomes. However, with the end of the industrial society, the transition from school to employment does not represent the exclusive significant entry port into adulthood. Other kind of steps has become increasingly relevant and the phases of becoming adult are increasingly nuanced and blended. Marriage and partnership, childbirth and family formation, re-entries into education after some kind of interruption, and even more so "bad starts" like entering in secondary labour markets or getting stuck in a NEET position are increasingly under the light of social scientists for the consequences they can play in life course developments.

For the 24th annual TIY workshop, the Network Committee invites authors to submit contributions concerning the area of youth transitions, especially – but not exclusively – the transition from education to the labour market and its relationships with other life course outcomes. The committee also encourages authors to examine issues related to the recent

economic crisis and its impact for the process and the various steps of the transition into adulthood. Comparative papers illuminating the institutional, structural, political as well as cultural determinants of the ways in which youth transitions are declined, and the consequences of different entry paths, are particularly welcome. The following areas will be given particular attention:

- the quality of the transition from education to employment and its impact on mid-term occupational outcomes, cohabitation/marriage, and fertility;
- the increased variety of the initial “steps” into adulthood, and their consequences for the life course;
- the role of ascriptive and acquisitive resources in influencing the outcomes of the transition process;
- the mediating role of the context: structural, cultural, political and institutional factors;
- the impact of the economic crisis on different aspects related to youth transitions (e.g., speed of entry, quality of access, consequences of good/bad initial “matching”);
- the trends and the various (old and new) forms of social inequality affecting the transition process.

The Network Committee does not regard this list of suggested themes as a complete, let alone exclusive. On the contrary, the committee welcomes contributions on all aspects of the transition from youth to adulthood.

Anyone who wishes to present a paper at the workshop should send a **one** A4 page abstract by email to the address indicated below by **31 March, 2016**. The abstract should clearly indicate: research question(s); theoretical foundations; data and methods and expected results/contribution to the debate on youth transitions.

In keeping with our usual procedures, abstracts will be assessed for selection by the members of the Network Committee on the basis of their quality and relevance to the theme of the workshop. Authors will be notified of the decision regarding their paper by **30 April, 2016** at the latest.

The conference fee is set at **€ 600** and includes four nights of accommodation (single room), lunches and social events (including conference dinner). Since only a limited number of places will be available, anyone who wishes to attend the conference without presenting a paper should notify the conference organisers as soon as possible. In order to ensure the smooth running of the workshop, participants should register and pay the conference fee before **30 June, 2016** to be guaranteed accommodation organized by the workshop staff.

For papers to be made available in advance to workshop participants, final (electronic) versions should reach the local organisers at the very latest by **17 August, 2016**.

Local organisers:

Paolo Barbieri, Stefani Scherer, Giampiero Passaretta

Relevant websites:

TIY: <http://www.socsci.ru.nl/~maartenw/tiy/index.htm>

Dept. Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento: <http://www.sociologia.unitn.it/en>

Center for Social Inequality Studies, University of Trento: <http://r.unitn.it/en/soc/csis>

Submission of abstracts:

Abstracts should be sent by email to: tiy2016@soc.unitn.it