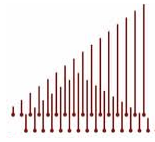




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## 2<sup>ND</sup> BIENNIAL ASSISI WORKSHOP ON ECONOMICS AND INSTITUTIONS

# *PRODUCTIVITY, INSTITUTIONS, SERVICES*



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## Thursday 21 June

14:00                      *Workshop Opening*

14:15                      *Welcome: Mirella Damiani (PRINSE coordinator, University of Perugia)*  
*Carlo Andrea Bollino (Department of Economics, Finance and*  
*Statistics , University of Perugia)*

14:30                      *Session 1: Labour Market*

Chair: Roberto Torrini (Bank of Italy, ANVUR)

*Keynote Lecture*

Mary O'Mahony (University of Birmingham)

*Skills, Training and Productivity: International Evidence*

15:15                      *Coffee Break*

15:45 – 18:15 *Papers presentation*

(i) Andrea Filippetti\*, Frederick Guy (CNR-ISSIRFA, Birbeck College)

*Labour market institutions, skills, and the resilience of innovation during the financial crisis in Europe"*

*Discussant: Donata Favaro (University of Padua)*

(ii) John Martin\*, Stefano Scarpetta (OECD)

*Setting it Right: Employment Protection, Labour Reallocation and Productivity*

*Discussant: Roberto Torrini (Bank of Italy, ANVUR)*

(iii) Geoff Mason (NIESR)

*Macroeconomic benefits of vocational education and training*

*Discussant: Michela Vecchi (Middlesex Business School, NIESR)*

(iv) Stephan Huber (University of Regensburg)

*Labor Market Rigidity and Trade Flows at the Product Level*

*Discussant: Paolo Naticchioni (University of Cassino)*

20:00                      *Workshop Dinner*

## Friday 22 June

9:30

### *Session 2: Innovation and Productivity*

Chair: Alessandro Sterlacchini (Università Politecnica delle Marche)

#### *Keynote Lecture*

Jacques Mairesse (CREST-ENSAE & UNU-MERIT & NBER)

*Do product market regulations in upstream sectors curb productivity growth? Panel data evidence for OECD countries*

10:15

*Coffee Break*

10:45 – 13:15 *Papers presentation*

- (i) Bruno Amable, Ivan Ledezma\* , Stéphane Robin (Un. Paris I & IU, Un. Paris-Dauphin, BETA – Un. Strasbourg)  
*The Impact of Market Regulation and Distance to Frontier on Innovation and Productivity*  
*Discussant: Francesca Lotti (Bank of Italy)*
- (ii) Dolores Añón Higón\*, Miguel Manjón Antolín (Universidad de Valencia, Rovira i Virgili University)  
*International distance and foreign R&D spillovers*  
*Discussant: Richard Frensch (Un. of Regensburg and Inst. for East and Southeast Europ. Studies)*
- (iii) César Alonso-Borrego \* (Universidad Carlos III)  
*Firm behaviour, deregulation and productivity in Spain*  
*Discussant: Silvano Esteve-Pérez (University of Valencia)*
- (iv) Marco Fioramanti\* (ISTAT)  
*Knock-on effect of non-manufacturing regulation on manufacturing sectors efficiency and productivity*  
*Discussant: Davide Castellani (University of Perugia)*

13:30 *Lunch*

### **What is PRINSE?**

PRINSE (Productivity, Institutions, Services) is a research project carried out by the Department of Economics, Finance and Statistics of the University of Perugia, and financed by the Fondazione CARIPG. The project is aimed at assessing how market regulation and functioning influence industrial productivity performance within and across countries. The project looks at how institutional factors shape productivity patterns of service industries with respect to manufacturing, and within the tertiary sector.

The research objective is twofold:

- (i) To study the role of different forms of employment protection of regular and temporary contracts on encouraging training investments and acquisition of firm-specific skills and verify their impacts on productivity performances.
- (ii) To examine how innovation and technical change affect labour market inequalities within industries, and whether these inequalities, by interplaying with the institutional setting, in turn reduce the growth-enhancing impact of technology.

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### **Workshop Information:**

Attendance of the workshop is free. Please send an email to [francesco.venturini@unipg.it](mailto:francesco.venturini@unipg.it) to register.

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