Call for papers

International Conference on Skills for the Future:

Training, employment and employability in turbulent times

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Toulouse Business School (Work Employment and Health Research Group) in collaboration with Curtin University Business School is hosting the International Conference on Skills for the Future: Training, employment and employability in turbulent times.

There is universal policy consensus on the need to build workforce skills to support economic development and cope with evolving labour market needs in a period of profound and sustained restructuring. This political consensus involves international agencies such as the OECD, ILO, IMF and World Bank, supra-national regional bodies such as the EU and APEC and governments of nation states. All stress the importance of forecasting future skills needs to ensure that education and training systems are suitably adapted and to avoid skills gaps, shortages and mismatches.

This Conference is designed to provide the intellectual space for debates surrounding skills and competence, training and development, employment and employability. Additionally, we are interested in papers addressing related topics such as migration and migrant workers, union-led learning, restructuring, precarious work and unemployment, high performance work systems and worker well-being.

Papers that advance theory and understanding of these issues are welcome as are papers with a strong empirical focus. In particular, we seek contributions with an international comparative dimension that are based on sound empirical research. This list is neither exhaustive nor exclusive: we encourage papers from diverse disciplines and research that employs a variety of methodologies.

The language of the conference and publications will be English. We are negotiating with publishers with regard to edited collections and special issues of academic journals for selected papers presented at this conference.

Contributors are invited to submit an abstract of 500 words by 30 April 2014 to:

Abstracts will be refereed by members of the scientific committee of the conference and decisions will be sent to individuals by 15 May 2014. For abstracts accepted, draft versions of papers should be presented at the conference but will not be published in proceedings since the objective is to select with a view to developing these into full papers for special issues of academic journals or contributions to edited collections. Further details of these publication opportunities will be provided at the conference.
Registration fees must be paid by **30 July 2014** via the link below (by bank transfer or cheque only).

**Registration details**
Registration fee: €240 including coffee, lunches and documentation; conference dinner an additional €60. [Total €300 if attending conference dinner.]

To register online:

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