



Labour Underutilisation - Unemployment & Underemployment Conference

3 – 4 December 2009
University of Newcastle, Australia

This year will be the first for some time that official unemployment rates will rise. The overall predictions are that there could be around a million people unemployed in Australia by year's end. The underemployment rate will also rise.

The Centre of Full Employment and Equity (CofFEE) will be holding its' annual conference **3rd - 4th December 2009** at the University of Newcastle, Australia. This will be the 11th Path to Full Employment Conference / 16th National Conference on Unemployment.

At present, around 10 per cent of the available labour force is unable to get enough work. If this downturn approaches the depth of the 1991 recession, this figure will jump to 20 per cent or more. A strong employment-centric federal response is needed to avoid an escalation in joblessness. This year's conference will be particularly important in sharing ideas from the best researchers in the area about how we can avoid major labour market devastation.

Call For Papers

We are calling for papers for the open sessions which broadly address the major theme of the conference.

Papers are particularly welcome in the following research and policy areas:

- What are the origins of the global financial crisis? Is the Australian government's response adequate? How could it be improved?
- Any research on unemployment - its dimensions, causes, cures
- The increasing problem of underemployment and marginal workers.
- Why has work become more precarious? Is it a problem? What are the solutions?
- What is full employment? How is it defined and measured? How close are we to achieving full employment? What are the challenges that remain?
- How can the new Federal Government's social inclusion agenda be designed and implemented?
- Employment guarantees - why are several countries now turning to Job Guarantee-type policies to combat poverty and unemployment? What are the lessons for Australia?
- Why do disparities in regional labour markets persist? What is the extent of the problem and its solutions? Spatial patterns of work and housing.
- Long term, youth, disabled and indigenous unemployment.

Deadline for Abstracts

Contributions can be made to both the Refereed (peer reviewed) or Non - Refereed streams. Refereed papers will be included in a printed volume of conference proceedings (which will constitute a referred conference paper under Australian government rules). The deadline for both types of abstracts is:

Monday 13th July 2009 5pm.

Those interested are asked to visit our website: <http://e1.newcastle.edu.au/coffee/conferences/2009/index.cfm> for the formatting requirements needed for the submission of papers as well as paper deadlines.

Please submit your abstract to the CofFEE office: coffee@newcastle.edu.au

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