Invitation AIAS conference
KIT Amsterdam, Friday 1 September 2017

Wages in Global Perspective
Monitoring Wages Worldwide through WageIndicator

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Rebalancing labour between market and regulation
This year the Yearly Conference of AIAS is entitled ‘Wages in Global Perspective’, referring to the achievement and potential of a global data tool with which AIAS is closely connected, that is, the WageIndicator. This Internet-based tool of comparing and sharing wages resulted from a joint initiative of WageIndicator Foundation director Paulien Osse and AIAS research coordinator Kea Tijdens back in 1999. Over the years, AIAS has played its role in the Foundation’s Supervisory Board.

Currently, WageIndicator has websites in 92 countries, and in 2016 nearly 40 million unique visitors consulted these websites. The sites present detailed information on various kinds of wages and salaries, putting them in their national context: real wages, bargain wages, minimum wages, living or decent wages. The response of the thousands of visitors filling out the related, continuous WageIndicator web survey allows a massive amount of analyses of the connection between wages on the one hand and personal and structural characteristics on the other, such as union membership, industry, occupations, skills, migration patterns, and much more. Such analyses have already resulted in over 450 books, reports and journal articles. At the conference a range of researchers will present outcomes of WageIndicator-based research. Improving the representativeness of a voluntary web survey like that of WageIndicator represents a challenge in itself, and presentations will also deal with this issue.

Finally, a forum of internationally reputed researchers will question ‘What’s next for WageIndicator-based Research?’, focusing on research perspectives and challenges. During the conference techniques will be used as to optimize audience participation, such that presenters and forum members can consider questions and remarks from the audience at an early stage.

The 2017 AIAS conference will in particular be of interest for graduates and students in the social sciences, in particular in labour economics, sociology of labour markets and labour relations, organisation studies, international law, international strategy, and political science. be English. The conference will take place at KIT / Meetings & Events, Mauritskade 63, 1092 AD Amsterdam.

PROGRAMME
MORNING PROGRAMME
Chair Paulien Osse (director WageIndicator Foundation)
09:30 hrs Registration
10:00 hrs. Opening by Paul de Beer / Maarten Keune
10:15 hrs. Wages in Global Perspective
Maarten van Klaveren (researcher AIAS)
10:30 hrs The WageIndicator and AIAS research
Paulien Osse (director WageIndicator)
Kea Tijdens (researcher AIAS)
11:15 hrs. Break
11:30 hrs. Minimum wages in India and worldwide
Biju Varkkey (professor Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad)
Kea Tijdens (researcher AIAS)
12:00 hrs. Wages and collective bargaining
Nadia Pralitasari (WageIndicator Indonesia office)
Daniela Cecon (data manager WageIndicator)
12:30 hrs. Lunch

AFTER LUNCH PROGRAMME
13:30 hrs. Living Wages worldwide and Asia
Martin Guzi (Masaryk Uni Brno / CELSI Bratislava)
Maarten van Klaveren (researcher AIAS)
14:00 hrs. Occupations, skills and wages
Martin Kahanec (professor Central European University, Budapest / CELSI Bratislava)
Stefano Visintin (professor Universidad Camilo José Cela, Madrid)
14:30 hrs. Creative but solid use of WageIndicator data
Stephanie Steinmetz (researcher University of Amsterdam)
Pablo De Pedraza (JRC, Ispra, European Commission and former EDUWORKS fellow)
15:00 hrs. Audience participation time: Q&A
15:30 hrs. Break
16:00 hrs. Forum: What’s Next for WageIndicator-based Research?
Klaus F. Zimmermann (professor Bonn University; Global Labor Organization (GLO) and UNU-MERIT);
Rafael Muñoz de Bustillo Llorente (professor Universidad de Salamanca); Biju Varkkey; Martin Kahanec; Kea Tijdens; Paul de Beer/Maarten Keune.
17:00 hrs. Conclusion
17:10 hrs. Reception
18:30 hrs. End of conference