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GLOBAL INTERDISCIPLINARY POLICY RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON YOUTH TRANSITIONS

February 20-21, 2020

The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
Maison de la Paix, The Graduate Institute, 2A Chemin Eugène-Rigot, 1202 Geneva
Geneva, Switzerland

CONFERENCE PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME (Check for regular updates)

The Conference will bring together researchers from academia across disciplines and policy think tanks from global South and North to analyse the state of policy research, debate and agenda on youth transitions.

The Conference will focus on multiple dimensions of transitions: the youth employment crisis and future of work prospects; youth transitions in situations of conflict and peace-building; and youth participation in civic and political spheres.

The Conference aims at defining knowledge gaps and proposing methods and partnerships for strengthening the policy and research interface on youth transitions. The participation of multiple stakeholders, public and private users of policy research, international governmental and non-governmental organizations will bring a diversity of views to bear.

The event will also discuss the parameters for the launch the first Global Network of Policy Research on Youth Transitions which, inviting expanded partnership for policy-relevant research on youth transitions.

The Conference will include several sessions and panel discussions open to a larger audience, and will take place in Geneva on 20-21 February 2020 in Auditorium Ivan Pictet, Maison de la Paix.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2020 - Maison de la Paix, The Graduate Institute, 2A Chemin Eugène-Rigot, 1202 Geneva

09:00-09:45 Auditorium Ivan Pictet B	REGISTRATION & WELCOME	
09:45-11:00 Auditorium Ivan Pictet B Plenary Session	SESSION 1- YOUTH TRANSITIONS IN A GLOBAL AND INTER-DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVE Introduction to the Conference and the Global Network of Policy Research on Youth Transitions	
11:00-11:30 Hall P1	Break (with coffee/tea)	
11:30-13:00 Auditorium Ivan Pictet B Plenary Session	SESSION 2 - “SCHOOL TO WORK” TRANSITION: IN CRISIS? Panel presentations and discussion: What do the latest Global and regional trends in school to work transitions tell us about the “structural” nature of the “crisis”, drivers of inequality and polarization in labour markets? Gender and diversity? How to decipher through multiple policy interactions and in a diversity of contexts?	
13:00-14:00 Hall P1	Stand-up Lunch (for invited participants)	
14:00-15:15 Auditorium Ivan Pictet A and B Parallel Sessions	SESSION 3- Parallel Thematic discussions - Panel presentation and discussions Thematic Panel: YOUTH, FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL TRANSITION: ISSUES FOR POLICY AND RESEARCH	Thematic Panel: FUTURE OF WORK AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN THE DIGITAL ECONOMY: FROM DIGITAL DIVIDE TO DIGITAL PLATFORMS, IN SEARCH OF INCLUSIVE PARADIGMS
15:15-16:30 Auditorium Ivan Pictet A and B Parallel Sessions	SESSION 4 Thematic Panel: MIGRATION AND YOUTH: CHANGING AGENDAS?	Thematic Panel: “INNOVATIVE FINANCING”: INVESTING IN YOUTH AND “IMPACT”ING?
16:30-17:00 Hall P1	Break (with coffee/tea)	
17:00-18:15 Auditorium Ivan Pictet A and B Parallel Sessions	SESSION 5 Thematic Panel: YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP: MOVING THE DEBATE FORWARD	Thematic Panel: FUTURE OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS: WHAT NEXT?
18:15-18:30	Transition to Keynote	
18:30-19:45 Auditorium Ivan Pictet B Keynote	KEYNOTE SPEECH - Youth and Politics: A View from the Global South By Asef BAYAT , Catherine and Bruce Bastian Professor of Global and Transnational Studies at the Department of Sociology, University of Illinois	
	Transition to Conference Dinner	
20:00-22:30 Restaurant	Conference Dinner (upon invitation only)	

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020 - Maison de la Paix, The Graduate Institute, 2A Chemin Eugène-Rigot, 1202 Geneva

09:00-10:30 Auditorium Ivan Pictet A/B Plenary Session	SESSION 6- YOUTH IN “CONFLICT AND PEACE” TRANSITIONS Panel presentation and discussions- Debunking myths and reality of youth “victims”, “perpetrators” or “agents of change” ? What works in fragile situations? How to build resilience? What do we know? What we need to know?
10:30-11:00 Hall P1	Break (with coffee/tea)
11:00-12:30 Auditorium Ivan Pictet A/B Plenary Session	SESSION 7 – YOUTH, POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: UNLOCKING THE SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT AGENDAS Panel presentation and discussions
12:45 - 14:00 Hall P1	Stand-up Lunch (upon invitation only)
14.00-16.30 Session with core network group and invited participants	SESSION 8 to 10 - Roundtable discussion with core Network Group and invited partners (upon invitation only)
14:00- 15.00 Auditorium Ivan Pictet B	SESSION 8- INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION OF THE CONCEPT NOTE ON THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF POLICY RESEARCH ON YOUTH TRANSITIONS (upon invitation only)
15:00-16:00 Auditorium Ivan Pictet B Session with core network group and invited participants	SESSION 9 - TAKEAWAYS FROM CONFERENCE DISCUSSION FOR THE GLOBAL NETWORK ON YOUTH TRANSITIONS : (upon invitation only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMERGING ISSUES FOR POLICY RESEARCH ON YOUTH TRANSITIONS • INTERFACE BETWEEN POLICY AND RESEARCH: IMPROVING EFFECTIVENESS AND GOVERNANCE
16.00-18-00 Session with core network group and invited participants	FINAL SESSION- PARTNERSHIP FOR POLICY RESEARCH (upon invitation only) LAUNCH OF THE GLOBAL NETWORK

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