

# T.A.S.K.S. 2

## (Technology, Assets, Skills, Knowledge, Specialisation)

### Second International BIBB/IAB Workshop

**Date:** January 17-18, 2012

**Conference Venue:** Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), Bonn, Germany

#### ▶ **Topics**

Following up the first international workshop on the task-based approach, the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB) and the Institute for Employment Research (IAB) are very pleased to announce T.A.S.K.S. 2 at BIBB in Bonn.

The task-based framework has proven to be of high potential in understanding recent labour market trends in the US, such as trends in wages, skill demand change and employment shifts. It provides a systematic approach to the study of interactions between technology, tasks and skills in modern labour markets. A rapidly increasing number of studies successfully apply the framework to labour market trends in other industrialised countries. The task approach, moreover, has found application as an organising framework in related fields such as immigration and international off-shoring studies.

This workshop invites empirical and theoretical contributions using the task-based approach from all areas of labour market research, and from related fields such as sociology and economics of vocational education and training, industrial economics, international comparisons, public finance, or stratification research.

The scientific committee encourages contributions focusing on the role of job tasks in explaining (cross-) country changes in wages, occupational structures and skill demand, on worker heterogeneity in job tasks, on social and economic outcomes of the changing skill demand, on regional and international aspects of these trends, e.g. the trade in tasks, and on the measurement of tasks. Moreover, papers are welcome that employ the interaction of task changes and organisational change, the role of education and labour market institutions, and labour market imperfections.

#### ▶ **Keynotes and invited speakers**

**David Autor**, MIT Department of Economics

**Bernd Fitzenberger**, Department of Applied Economics, University of Freiburg

**Esteban Rossi-Hansberg**, Department of Economics and Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University

**Heike Solga**, Research Unit 'Skill Formation and Labor Markets', Social Science Research Center Berlin

#### ▶ **Scientific Committee**

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#### Submission

The deadline for submission is August 1, 2011. Please submit electronic versions of extended abstracts (3 pages) or full papers in PDF or MS Word format to: [TASKS2@bibb.de](mailto:TASKS2@bibb.de). You will be notified about the acceptance of your paper by October 1, 2011. All presenters will be asked to submit a full paper version by January 1, 2012, and will possibly also be asked to discuss another paper. All participants are requested to register no later than January 1, 2012.

#### Proceedings

Participants who present a paper may apply for financial support to cover accommodation and travel expenses. Abstracts and detailed information on the conference will be made available on the conference webpage: [www.bibb.de/veranstaltungen/tasks2](http://www.bibb.de/veranstaltungen/tasks2).