# Wage, labour market and globalisation: from Cold War to European Union – focus on Central and Eastern Europe.

The Annual Conference of the WAGE Network

Timisoara, 10th – 11th of October 2019

## Call for Papers

Globalisation is not the only factor in the evolution of contemporary economies, but it brings in its train other economic components such as innovation, capital formation or qualification of the workforce. It has effects on production, trade flows and market structure but also on prices, costs and incomes. In this context, wage is a very current topic. Wages have at least two main dimensions: a statistical and quantifiable one, the average annual salary, and the other one more social and psychological, the socio-cultural perception of salaries.

Since the 1980s, the countries of Central and Eastern Europe have seen a complete renewal of their labour market conditions. Supply and demand of employment and the general progression of wages evolve very quickly. Since the fall of the Berlin Wall and the communist regimes, accelerated liberalization has been implemented in most states. Social precariousness is worsening, the demand for skills is changing, and migratory movements assume real importance

At the same time, in the other part of the (former) communist bloc, China's choices seem quite clearly opposed: maintaining an authoritarian state, privatizing the economy around a powerful public sector, developing an industrial assembly strategy and massive exports

The conference aims to establish a kind of inventory of the past forty years for the labour market in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe to cover: the initial situation (centrally planned wage strategy, mono-syndicalism), the succession of reforms (political and economic liberalization, privatizations, accession to the EU) and the current results (differential wage increases, employment situation, labour disputes, role of skills, union action).

The conference is open to academics, students and practitioners working in the field of wage and labour market. Scholars and practitioners are encouraged to submit papers on topics related to Central and Eastern Europe such as: *Wage, labour market and globalisation, Wage and employment, Wage and social change, Wage and development, Wage policies and institutional practices, Data sources and their use in the study of wage etc.*

**Organisers:** WAGE Network (Wage Analysis in a Globalising Environment), Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, West University of Timisoara (Romania), Faculty of History-Geography-Heritage of the University of Artois (France)

**Schedule**:

Deadline for abstract submission: 25 July 2019
Acceptance decision: 30 July 2019
Deadline for registration: 15 September 2019
Date for preliminary program: 30 July 2019
Dates of Wage Conference: 10-11 October 2019

Proceedings of symposium will be published either by Peter Lang AG (Switzerland) or Cambridge Scholars (UK) in 2020.

**Symposium location**: Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, West University of Timisoara (Romania)

**Language**: English

**Support**: There are no registration or participation fees. Participants need to cover their own costs of travel, accommodation and subsistence.

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**Submissions**: Abstracts no longer than 250 words should be submitted using the registration form at https://fsp.uvt.ro/wage-conference-registration, no later than July 25th. We will be able to accept up to 40 proposals. Acceptance decisions will be communicated before the 30th of July.

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