The questions that emerge in this context are how these changes in labour market and institutions are affecting labour market transitions and life course options, and how individuals and groups cope with these changes when access to labour market and institutional resources is becoming less secure. Such a perspective requires a consideration of the interaction between labour market trajectories and life course as options, choices and projects in the labour market are closely linked to household and family situation, the institutional context, and personal and social orientations.

The aims of the workshop are to:

- Identify changes in labour markets and in the social and institutional context
- Characterise main inequality axis arising during recession and austerity
- Analyse trends in labour market quality and labour market transitions
- Discern the individual and household strategies to cope with growing insecurities

The participation of researchers from different European countries will strengthen the knowledge about the effects of changes during recession and austerity in labour market transitions and life course options in different contexts.

The workshop also marks the end of a Marie Curie fellowship “Labour trajectories in UK and Spain. Analysis of capabilities in transitions using a mixed-method approach (TRANSICAP)” at EWERC in Manchester Business School (Lopez Andreu and Rubery) between 2013 and 2015 and provides an opportunity to present some of the findings from this project.
Programme

22nd of April

12-13h Lunch

13-13:30h Introduction to the workshop
Labour market chances and transitions in times of austerity Jill Rubery and Martí López-Andreu. (Manchester Business School)

13-30-14:30h. Change in labour markets and the social, institutional and economic context
Austerity and Job Insecurity: the case of the UK, Duncan Gallie (University of Oxford)
The Transformation of Joint Regulation and Labour Market Policy during the Crisis: a comparison of seven countries, Aristea Koukiadaki (Manchester School of Law), Isabel Tavora and Miguel Martínez Lucio (Manchester Business School)

14:30-15:30h. Trends in inequalities: job polarisation and changes to middle classes
The middle class under pressure: the case of Germany, Gerhard Bosch (IAQ, Universität Duisburg-Essen and Hallsworth Professor, University of Manchester)
Effects of austerity on inequality trends and middle-income groups in the UK, Damian Grimshaw (Manchester Business School)

15:30-16h. Coffee break

16-18h. Trends in the labour market during recession and austerity
Insecurities and employment transitions in the UK and Spain: evidences before and after the economic crisis, Marti Lopez-Andreu (Manchester Business School)
Trends in job quality during the Great Recession: a comparative approach for the EU Mathilde Guergoat (Centre d'Etudes de l'Emploi, Paris)
Labour trajectories of Spanish young adults during the Recession. Are they similar or polarised? Joan Miquel Verd (Autonomous University of Barcelona)
The under-employed recovery: Labour underutilisation in the UK following the economic crisis, Anthony Rafferty (Manchester Business School)

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9-10:30h. Household and individual strategies in recession I
Who is Breadwinning? A Twenty Year Comparison of Female Labour Supply in Germany and the UK, Vanessa Gash (City University London) and Martina Dieckhoff (WZB-Social Science Research Centre Berlin).
The gendered effects of the crisis on households' labour arrangements. Spain in comparative perspective, Núria Sánchez Mira (Autonomous University of Barcelona)
Female employment and gender regimes in southern Europe during the crisis: Evidence of continuity and change from Portugal and Spain, Isabel Tavora (Manchester Business School) and Paula Rodriguez Modroño (Pablo de Olavide University)

10:30-11h. Coffee break

11-13h. Household and individual strategies in recession II
Strategies and resources in times of austerity: the erosion of institutional and employment supports in Spain and the UK, Martí López-Andreu (Manchester Business School)
Job Loss and Social Networks: The role of the household, family and wider support systems Karon Gush (Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex)
Five Characteristics of Youth Unemployment in Europe: Flexibility, education, migration, family legacies and EU policies, Jacqueline O’Reilly (University of Brighton)
Well-being During Recession in the UK, David Bayliss, Wendy Olsen and Pierre Walthery (Cathie Marsh Institute for Social Research, The University of Manchester)

13-14h. Lunch and closure