

YOUTHShare | A Place for Youth in Mediterranean EEA: Resilient and Sharing Economies for NEETs

[YOUTHShare Colloquium / Mini-Conference](#)

Creating Resilient and Sharing Spaces

for Youth in Mediterranean European Economic Area and beyond

November 5 2022, 9.00 – 13.00 CET / 10.00 – 14.00 EET

A hybrid event taking place [online](#) and in [Rhodes, Greece](#).

The aim of the YOUTHShare Colloquium / Mini-Conference is to foster a wide discussion between renowned scholars, academics and junior researchers from different institutions and disciplinary backgrounds working in the field of youth employment and studying policies for young NEETs.

The economic crisis of 2008/2009 has increased unemployment and insecurity among young people. The European Union's (EU) response through policy frameworks such as the Youth Guarantee (YG) Action Plan has not yet achieved significant results, especially for the countries of Southern Europe. Somewhat paradoxically, these programs, although designed to address youth unemployment and precarity, may be contributing to it. Specifically, structural inefficiencies are systematically covered under further labour flexibilisation, which exacerbates precarity, especially amidst recession and crisis. Moreover, the core/periphery polarization within the EU means that youth policies play out in completely different ways at different places. In this context, social background, gender, class, education, identities, and the wider economic environment, are key socio-spatial factors that determine the geographically unequal spread of NEETs across regions.

The mini-conference will seek to address these issues and map the structural and socio-spatial parameters of youth unemployment and precariousness. Furthermore, it will explore the challenges and opportunities for spatially-informed responses of youth to the multiple contemporary crises.

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PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2022 (EET)

09:30-10:00 Welcome. Conference opening

10:00-10.10 Address of the Conference

Dr Stefanos Drakos, Vice-Mayor of Rhodes for Cultural Monuments and Urban Planning

10:10 - 11:00 Keynote

Dr David Farrugia (Newcastle University, Australia)

Senior Lecturer. Member of the Newcastle Youth Studies Network and a sociologist whose work addresses issues of unemployment, labour and labour force identity formation.

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:15 Session A: NEETs entrapped by labour market policies in the European Union (EU)

Chair: **Konstantinos Gourzis & Stelios Gialis** (University of Aegean)

- “NEETs in youthspaces of the EU South: socio-economic drivers and gender divisions in between two crises”

Presenter: Athina Avagianou (University of Aegean)

Respondent: Anne Hege Strand (Fafo Institute)

- “NEETs and Youth labour markets in the EU South: deciphering trajectories of resilience in an era of turbulence”

Presenter: Effie Emmanouil (University of Aegean)

Respondent: Konstantinos Boukouvalas (Labour Institute, Conf. of Greek workers)

- “Deconstructing the NEET stereotypes; When policies on more education and training cannot be considered as a necessary prerequisite”

Presenter: Carlos Pesquera - Alonso (Catholic University of Murcia)

Respondents: Praxedes Munoz Sanchez (Catholic University of Murcia) & **Theodoros Iosifidis** (University of Aegean)

12:15-12:30 Discussion, Q&A session

12:30-12:45 Coffee break

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12:45-13:45 Session B: NEETs and youth employment, challenges and policy responses

Chair: **Athanasios Kizos** (University of Aegean) & **Ioannis Pissourios** (Neapolis Pafos)

- “An EU Youth Employment Policy Overview: Defining the conjuncture”
Presenter: Ioannis Papageorgiou (University of Aegean)
Respondent: Nektaria Marava (NESC Network for Employment and Social Care)

- “Being a NEET in the EU South: Challenges and opportunities”
Presenter: Georgios Chatzichristos (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki & University of Aegean)
Respondent: Nikos Kapitsinis (University of Copenhagen)

- “Addressing Youth Unemployment and Inactivity in Regions under Energy Transition: Critical aspects and policy responses”
Presenter: Vasiliki Krommyda (National Technical University of Athens)
Respondent: Konstantinos Gourzis (University of Aegean)

13:45-14:00 Discussion, Q&A session

14:00 Conference closure

The YOUTHShare Conference Scientific and Organizing Committee:

Athina Avagianou, Giorgos Chatzichristos, Effie Emmanouil and Stelios Gialis

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Presenters - Discussants

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Konstantinos Boukouvalas: Researcher, Labour Institute, General Confederation of Greek Workers

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Effie Emmanouil: PhD candidate, University of the Aegean. Early-stage researcher for the YOUTHshare project

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Dr. Stelios Gialis: Associate Professor, Labour Geography Research Lab, University of the Aegean, Greece. Principal Investigator of the YOUTHShare Project

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