

Message from the President

I am very honoured and happy to be elected as the new President of EALE. I look forward to the next 3 years serving as President of the EALE and especially the upcoming conferences.

Because of the pandemic, we will again hold a virtual conference this year. The department of Economics of the University of Padova, is excited to be your virtual host for this year's conference as they will do their best to make this virtual conference to a success. We all work hard to continue scientific exchange and hope that our event will make a difference. In fact, we feel quite excited to explore new types of presentation and interaction formats and maybe we will discover new methods for scientific discourse that, in the future, may complement our in-person meetings.

This year's conference will offer a varied programme with different types of scientific sessions and events. Imran Rasul (UCL), Maia Guell (Edinburgh) and Fabiano Schivardi (Luiss university), will give plenary talks, we will have three invited Flash Talk Sessions on specific themes, parallel sessions, parallel job market sessions and we will innovate with virtual poster sessions.

One big challenge of large virtual meetings has been to foster informal social interactions that would be usually happening at coffee or lunch. To replace those, we will offer sessions allowing for interactions between seniors and juniors; and also "junior-only" sessions. See also <https://eale.nl/conference-2021/eale-2021-annual-conference-goes-virtual> for more details.

Over the last year and a half, European labour economists have produced an impressive amount of research on the impact of Covid 19 on the labour market and our societies in general. Many of us have felt mandated to contribute to knowledge and inform policy in these unprecedented circumstances. The EALE conference program will reflect this with a significant fraction of papers focusing on the impact of Covid 19.

Finally, as a result of the EALE 2021 Elections we are welcoming the following new members of EALE's Executive Committee: Anna Raute (Queen Mary University, London); Oskar Nordström Skans, (Uppsala University), Alexandra Spitz-Oener (Humboldt University Berlin). Anne Gielen (Erasmus University Rotterdam) was re-elected for a second term. We are also welcoming Juan Dolado (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid), Francis Kramarz (CREST) and Uta Schoenberg (University College London), as new EALE fellows to our current list of [EALE fellows](#).

I am very much looking forward to meet you all again online in September 2021 and thereafter hopefully in person at our future conferences.

Michèle Belot
EALE President

EAL Conference Padua 2021

The Department of Economics and Management "Marco Fanno" of the University of Padova is excited to be your virtual host for this year's conference as we work to keep our community connected through these unprecedented times.

The Department of Economics and Management of Padova is one of the youngest Departments in an ancient European university, which dates back to 1222. It offers one of the best Economics and Management degrees in Italy according to Censis, a leading Italian think tank and it is also a Department of Excellence endowed with special funds by the Ministry of Education.

Activities for Job Market Candidates

EAL Job market 2021

At the annual conferences, EAL will facilitate in job market sessions that offer European job market candidates whose research is in the field of Labour Economics, a platform for presenting their job market paper. This presentation also enables candidates to prepare for the US Job Market. During the conference we also organize a meeting moment where job market candidates and conference participants can meet and greet in an informal way.

EAL tour

In addition to the job market sessions and the 'meet and greet' event we are initiating the EAL tour. The EAL tour is meant to support the career of young economists in the field of Labour Economics. A selected group of the most promising doctoral students in the field of Labor Economics in Europe will be given the opportunity to present their work in three economics departments or institutes in Europe. The EAL tour entails a one-day workshop in each of the three participating universities/institutes, and will take place at the end of May (2022). Travel costs, and costs associated with accommodation and meals during the tour will be covered by EAL.

The selection of the candidates will be announced during the EAL conference in September. Job market candidates will be listed as candidates on the EAL job market website with a link to their homepage.

Employers

University departments and research departments of academic and non-academic institutions searching for graduate labour economists are requested to inform the EAL secretariat on their vacancies. We will post these vacancies on EAL's website and inform the participating candidates on these vacancies. Those who wish to hold interviews with job market candidates during the EAL conference should get in touch with eale-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Results of the 2021 Elections for Executive Committee Member

Elected:

- Anna Raute (Queen Mary University, London)
- Oskar Nordström Skans, (Uppsala University)
- Alexandra Spitz-Oener (Humboldt University Berlin)
- Anne Gielen (Erasmus University Rotterdam) was re-elected for a second term.

New EAL Fellows, 2021

- Juan José Dolado (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)
- Francis Kramarz (CREST)
- Uta Schoenberg (University College London)

Editor's Report

Labour Economics (the official journal of the European Association of Labour Economists)

Aims and Scope: Labour Economics is devoted to publishing international research on empirical, theoretical and econometric topics that are of particular interest to labour economists. In particular, Labour Economics gives due recognition to solid empirical work with a strong economic interpretation. From time to time Labour Economics publishes review articles and articles on comparative labour market policies. Special issues and special sections of Labour Economics are available for the publication of collections of high quality topical papers or conference papers.

Journal statistics: The number of submissions continues to increase. We now receive around 560 regular and special issue submissions per year. The rate of desk rejections is almost 50%, whereas the acceptance rate is between 12 and 13%. We aim to make a first decision within 3 months and we reach this goal for 75-80 % of all submissions. The impact factor has slightly risen over the past few years, to 1.335 in 2019. The CiteScore of 2020 is 2.3.

Special issues Labour Economics

EAL Conference Issue: This special issue has now been published 19 times and has established itself as a popular channel of dissemination. The acceptance rate is a bit higher than for regular issues because the eligible submissions were already accepted for the EAL conference. The 2020 EAL SOLE AASLE special conference issue is in progress, edited by Claudia Olivetti (Dartmouth College) and Maia Güell (University of Edinburgh).

Other Special issues Labour Economics in progress

- "Technology and the Labour Market": Guest editors: Georg Graetz (Uppsala University), Pascual Restrepo (Boston University) Oskar Nordström Skans (Uppsala University).
- "Firms, Vacancies and Recruitment", Guest editors: Carlos Carrillo-Tudela (University of Essex), Leo Kaas (Goethe University, Frankfurt).
- "Measurement Issues in Labour Economics": Guest editors: Peter Rupert (UC Santa Barbara), Robert Shimer (University of Chicago).
- "Mental Health and the Labour Market": Guest editors: Manuela Angelucci (University of Texas at Austin), Daniel Bennett (University of Southern California), Prof. Johannes Haushofer, (Stockholm University).

The editorial board currently (May 2021) consists of: Manuela Angelucci (University of Texas at Austin), Carlos Carrillo-Tudela (University of Essex), Thomas Dohmen (University of Bonn), Bernd Fitzenberger (IAB & Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg), Luca Flabbi (University of North Carolina), Albrecht Glitz (Universität Pompeu Fabra), Lena Hensvik (Uppsala University), Michele Pellizzari (University of Geneva), Peter Rupert (University of California), Wilbert van der Klaauw (Federal Reserve Bank of New York), Conny Wunsch (University of Basel) and Arthur van Soest (Tilburg University).

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Arthur van Soest,

Editor in Chief

Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics 2021 Conference (AASLE 2021)

- Date: **9-11 December 2021**
- Submission deadline: **18 July 2021**
- Location: **PKU in Beijing, China**
- More information: [BEIJING CONFERENCE - INFO | AASLE](#)

Contribute to the Newsletter

The EAL Newsletter provides information on the association's activities, within the association's framework. All members are kindly invited to use the EAL Newsletter to make announcements of events in the field of labour economics. Please send all contributions to the EAL secretariat. Deadline for copy for our next issue is 1 November 2021.

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