



BOCCONI-EIEF-WORLD BANK WORKSHOP

MEND THE GAP IN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

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The Axa Gender Lab at Bocconi University, the Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF), and the World Bank are inviting researchers to submit extended abstracts for a two-day workshop.

The workshop aims to serve as a platform for evidence-based policy dialogue on strategies to foster women's economic empowerment, labor force participation, and entrepreneurship.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Prof. Claudia Olivetti, George J. Records 1956 Professor of Economics, Dartmouth University, USA

THEMES: We invite submissions of empirical research on barriers to female labor force participation and economic empowerment and the role of policies to address them, with a focus on Europe and Central Asia. Topics include:

- Impact of Policy Interventions on Gender Equality in the Labor Market
- Technology and Gender Disparity in the Labor Market
- Education and Skill Development for Gender Inclusion
- Gender and Labor Migration
- Intersectionality and the Labor Market
- Female Leadership and Entrepreneurship
- Economic Impacts of Gender Inequality in the Labor Market
- The Impact of Demographic Shift on Labor Force Participation
- Gender Data Gaps and Use of Artificial Intelligence

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SUBMISSION: Extended abstracts can be submitted by **November 22, 2024** to mendthegapworkshop@worldbank.org.

Early-career researchers are encouraged to apply. There is scope for limited funding for selected participants, with priority given to graduate students.

Selected papers may be considered for publication in a special issue of *LABOUR: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations*.

For more information on the conference and paper submission, please visit our [website](#).

