Connecting Research on Employment and Work
Special Seminar, Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March, 2-4pm
Wolfson Exchange, Library, University of Warwick

The changing composition of employment in Europe: upgrading or polarisation?

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The presentation, based on the annual European Jobs Monitor reports, looks in detail at shifts in the employment structure at Member State and aggregate EU level over 2011–2014, when employment in Europe started to rise again after the financial crisis. It will discuss the extent to which recent shifts are polarising, arising from a decline in mid-paid jobs, or upgrading as a result of growth in high-paid jobs. The analysis finds that the most recent pattern is more downwardly skewed, mainly as a result of stronger growth in less knowledge-intensive services.

John Hurley is a Research Manager at Eurofound (Dublin) where he co-ordinates the European Restructuring Monitor and is one of main contributors to the European Jobs Monitor. His research interests lie in the area of comparative labour market analysis, restructuring and the changing world of work. Some recent publications include “Shifts in the job structure in Europe during the Great Recession” (co-authored with Donald Storrie, in Employment and Social Developments in Europe 2011, European Commission), After restructuring: labour markets, working conditions and life satisfaction (Eurofound 2012), Upgrading or polarisation?: long-term and global shifts in the employment structure (Eurofound 2015) while he co-edited with Enrique Fernandez-Macias and Donald Storrie the “The Transformation of the Employment Structure in the EU and USA” (Palgrave 2012).

Tea and coffee will be served afterwards; for catering purposes please let us know you are coming, email: crew@warwick.ac.uk