

## Multi-million project will map the changing nature of employment

An ambitious €4.6 million project coordinated by the University of Strathclyde is set to bring together world-leading academics and researchers to map the changing nature of employment.

The ChangingEmployment project is a Marie Curie International Training network that aims to identify the nature of the restructuring of European labour markets and economies as a result of current economic and social change.

While exploring the impact on work relations and working lives, researchers – a new generation of policy-focused social scientists - will examine the implications for gender, ethnicity and different age groups at work.

The pioneering research project will be launched on Friday 24 May at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, with presentations from Professor Birger Simonson, University of Gothenburg and Professor Steve Jeffreys, Working Lives Research Institute, London Metropolitan University.

Speaking ahead of the event, Professor Paul Stewart, Project Coordinator from the University of Strathclyde's Department of Human Resource Management, said: "This is an outstanding research agenda bringing together a range of critical social scientists and new researchers concerned with the transformation of employment relations and conditions of work across Europe.

"The research will identify the nature of the restructuring of European labour markets and economies as a result of current economic and social change, and the impact that this has on work relations and working lives."

ChangingEmployment will support supporting 15 researchers (12 PhD and three post-doctoral) with partners from eight European universities and social and industry partners, including the European Trade Union Institute, Consultingeuropa, EDF, Edrington, the International Labour Organisation, Neuroeducacja, UNISON, Volvo and CAIRDE.

The research will focus on three themes:

1. Management and Employee relations
2. Inclusion and Exclusion at work, including examination of the character of democratic engagement
3. Impact of the quality of work itself and change on Employee Well-being and Work-Life Quality

An eminent team of specialist supervisors, as well as an experienced researcher dedicated to dissemination and outreach, will support the 12 PhD students. They will develop researchers' skills in advanced social and comparative research methods, and through the variety of employment situations provide transferrable skills to undertake work with commercial, educational, governmental and third level agencies in the context of changed in working life.

For further information visit website [www.changingemployment.eu](http://www.changingemployment.eu)

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## Notes to Editors

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