



Labour Market in the 21st Century: The Way Forward

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Prof. Dr. Werner Eichhorst studied Sociology, Political Science, Psychology and Public Policy and Administration at the universities of Tuebingen and Konstanz where he graduated in Public Policy and Administration in 1995. From 1996 to 1999, he was a doctoral and post-doctoral fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (Cologne). In autumn 1998, he received his doctoral degree from the University of Konstanz. In 1999-2004, he was a project director at the Bertelsmann Foundation, a private think tank in Germany. After working at the Institute for Employment Research (IAB) in 2004-2005, he joined the Institute of Labor Economics (IZA) as Research Associate in July 2005, became a Senior Research Associate in February 2006, was the Deputy Director of Labor Policy in 2007-2013 and Director of Labor Policy Europe from January 2014 to 2016. Werner Eichhorst is the coordinator of Labor Market and Social Policy in Europe since January 2017 and the Team Leader in Research since August 2019. Since November 2017, he is an Honorary Professor at Bremen University, affiliated with the SOCIUM Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy.

His main research area is the comparative analysis of labour market institutions and performance as well as the political economy of labour market reform strategies. He also specialises in different aspects of the future of labour. At the IZA he is responsible for international and European policy oriented research activities, addressing in particular EU-level employment policies.



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Mantas Katinas has a broad range of experience in digital strategies, marketing and communications, business development and strategic management. He graduated in Journalism from Vilnius University and in Strategic Management from BI Norwegian School of Management and the Executive School of ISM University of Management and Economics.



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