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Conference on Discrimination in the Labor Market

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website – www.wirtschaft.bfh.ch/LMDiscrimination

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Academic and Policy Conference on all instances of labor market discrimination

Labor market discrimination is a social phenomenon that most societies find undesirable.

The Bern University of Applied Sciences will organize a conference which brings together high level academic research and influential policy makers to address the challenges posed by labor market discrimination.

Goals of the Conference

- Divulge reliable scientific facts and foster domestic discussion on the current status of discrimination to the interested community
- Be consequential regarding discrimination through the inclusion of policy makers and the private sector in the discussion of possible measures to eradicate it
- Portray Switzerland as a country actively concerned with discrimination, at both research and policy levels

Target Audience

- Academic community in Switzerland and abroad
- Decision makers and Policy makers at the level of the federal and cantonal government, interested parties in federal agencies
- Decision makers in the private sector: CEOs and HR specialists
- NGOs, other interested parties
- General public reached through extensive media coverage

Program Chairs:

Ana Fernandes

Professor of Economics and Business at the Bern University of Applied Sciences

Sascha O. Becker

Professor, University of Warwick, UK

Doris Weichselbaumer

Professor and Head of the Department of Gender and Women's Studies, University of Linz

Some of the Speakers:

David Neumark

Professor of Economics at University of California, Irvine, Senior Fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California

Judy Rich

Reader, Portsmouth Business School, University of Portsmouth (UK)

Mahmood Arai

Professor of Economics at Stockholm University (Sweden)

Ali Ahmed

Professor of Economics at Linköping University (Sweden)

Policy Session:

Christa Markwalder

First Vice-President, Swiss National Council

Sylvie Durrer

Director of the Federal Office for Gender Equality FOGE (Switzerland)

Philipp C. Bauer

Head of Economics and Labor Market of the Confederation of Swiss Employers