European Feltrinelli Camp 2021
NEXT GENERATION LABOUR

A two-day workshop for young European activists, researchers, practitioners, start-ups and journalists

Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli is one of the leading European centres of research and documentation in the fields of history, political science, economics and social sciences, with particular emphasis on the history of ideas, political cultures and democratic movements in the framework of globalization-related phenomena.

In recent years, Fondazione Feltrinelli has established fruitful collaborations with many research centres of excellence all over the world (e.g. Paris Institute of Political Studies, Harvard University, London School of Economics, Yale University, Columbia University), as well as with some of the most brilliant interpreters of our time: Amartya Sen, Marc Augé, Joseph Stiglitz, Jeremy Rifkin, Muhammad Yunus, Raj Patel, Rafael Correa, just to name a few.

Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli is now launching the call for proposals for the new edition of the Feltrinelli Camp, a two-day immersive workshop entirely dedicated to the transformations that labour is undergoing as a result of the current technological revolution, which will be held on 12th – 13th November 2021.

The initiative will conclude an entire Feltrinelli’s season of activities and research related to relevant work issues. Looking at the possible impacts – both positive as well as negative – that the technological revolution could have on work and society in the near future, we intend to investigate are the most urgent priorities for the political actors that are interested by these transformations (governments, local authorities, trade unions, employers’ organizations, and other stakeholders) so that potential beneficial impacts can benefit the greatest number of people. On the other hand, we will puzzle on specific issues that could arise from the technological transformation: the (further) segmentation of the labor market, the declining social protection’s levels regarding workers, the lack of guidance to businesses that are engaging in technological upscaling. How can we prevent new forms of discrimination from adding to structural inequalities and widespread fragility? Conversely, how can we transform the 4.0 revolution into an opportunity to build a different, more inclusive development?

Fondazione Feltrinelli encourages young activists, researchers and practitioners from different fields of study and action to apply to the Feltrinelli Camp, in order to foster the dialogue and the analysis on such key topics by exploring their impacts on society, economy and people.

The Feltrinelli Camp is organized in collaboration with national and international universities and research centres, as well as with institutional partners that are members of the research and stakeholder network established and coordinated by Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli.
OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the Feltrinelli Camp workshops is to promote high quality scientific exchanges among junior researchers and practitioners with different scientific/disciplinary backgrounds and from diverse geographical contexts, working on issues and projects relating to:

- Industrial policy and its role in governing the technological transformation;
- Local development strategies based and territorial-based reskilling to adapt to the technological transformation
- Active labor policies for social investment, in order to contrast to skill mismatch;
- Active retraining policies that are needed to support green transition projects;
- Rethinking social policies and the system of social protection for the workers;
- Social inclusion in the labor market, with regard to women and the youth;
- Strategies for technological transfer to enterprises (in particular SMEs);

This aims to foster discussion about the context and implications with peers. Debate on emerging issues will feed ideas, feedback and expertise-sharing for programming further collaboration, presenting international case studies and sharing best practices. The specific objective is to establish a long-term international network of young profiles collaborating on relevant topics of common interest under the auspices of Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli.

Researchers, activists, practitioners in the relevant sectors will discuss at the Feltrinelli Camp a set of concrete actions that make it possible to govern the technological revolution to have progress for all. Amidst the conflicts, tensions and obstacles that the process of economic transition poses, the Feltrinelli Camp intends to outline the form and substance of a new model of governance integrating innovation policies, labour policies, social policies to provide workers’ protection, create social inclusion for marginalized demographics, and enhancing social investment for the dual digitalization and green reconversion process.

WORKSHOP STRUCTURE

The workshop will last two full days.

The selected profiles will be divided in working groups on specific topics according to their subjects. They will have the opportunity to present their research, projects and work interests, promoting mutual knowledge, enhancing scientific interchange and exploring perspectives for common research work. They will look at potential future partnerships, projects, collaborations on training programs, organization of international conferences/workshops, exchange opportunities, publications, joint proposals for international projects.

A facilitator will lead each working group and a rapporteur will draft a summary featuring the main outputs of the discussion.

International keynote speakers will deliver lectures and take part to round tables.

PROPOSALS SUBMISSION

Submitted proposals must include:

- Candidate’s CV
- A motivation letter (max 500 words)

- A short idea description (max 1000 words) including the details on the specific thematic focus/case study/best practice relevant to Feltrinelli Camp topics and goals. It can describe, for instance, candidate’s research activity on the relevant issues, their professional activity related to the topics, how their experience can bring a fruitful contribution to the workshop.

All documents shall be included and submitted in a single pdf file.

A multidisciplinary profile will be considered as an additional asset.

Proposals must be submitted by e-mail no later than the 31st of May, to the email address:

feltrinligcamp@gmail.com

In the object of the email please indicate the name of the Camp: “Call: Next Generation Labour”

SELECTION OF PROPOSALS

An international scientific committee will be responsible for selecting up to 100 proposals. In order to promote the multidisciplinary character of the network, a limited numbers of candidates per topic will be accepted.

In addition, a few most interesting proposals will be selected for a Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli publication as an output of the workshop, and the authors might be collaborating with our research staff to the planning of the next Fondazione’s season of research and dissemination activities.

WORKING LANGUAGE

English

ELIGIBILITY

Researchers, PhD students, practitioners, activists, journalists... under 38 years old can apply

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli will offer a reimbursement up to €250 to cover part/total travel and accommodation costs in Milan.

VENUE

The workshop will be held in Milan, at the Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, Viale Pasubio 5, Milan or in Florence; in order to facilitate attendance even in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, participants may also choose to participate online.