



UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE  
SPRING SEMINAR, 6 MAY 2002  
(Salle XIX)

**Labour market challenges in the ECE Region**

*Opening: Executive Secretary*

*Morning Sessions I & II: Chairman – Georg Fischer, European Commission*

**10.00 hrs. Session I: Unemployment in western Europe**

Author: Richard Jackman, London School of Economics and Political Science

Discussants: Jorgen Elmeskov, Policy Studies Branch, OECD, Paris  
Juan Jimeno, Universidad de Alcalá de Henares, Madrid

**11.30 hrs. Session II: Unemployment in the transition economies**

Author: Alena Nesporova, International Labour Office, Geneva

Discussants: Gábor Korösi, Institute of Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest  
Iskra Beleva, Institute of Economics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia

**13.00 hrs. Lunch break**

*Afternoon Sessions III & IV: Chairman – Jorgen Elmeskov, OECD*

**15.00 hrs. Session III: Increasing the size and the quality of the domestic labour force**

Author: Tito Boeri, Bocconi University, Milan

Discussants: Vladimir Gimpelson, Centre for Labour Market Studies,  
The Higher School of Economics, Moscow  
Jan Van Ours, Tilburg University, Tilburg

**16.30 hrs. Session IV: Is immigration a solution to labour market problems?**

Author: Herbert Brücker, DIW Berlin

Discussants: Stanisława Golinowska, Research Institute for Labour & Social Affairs, Warsaw  
Georg Fischer, Employment & Social Affairs DG, European Commission, Brussels