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Publications

Books

Edward WEBSTER with Lynford DOR (2023) [*Recasting Workers' Power: Work and inequality in the shadow of the digital age*](#). Bristol University Press. (A 30% discount is available on purchases before 31 Oct 2023 with the discount code **PORWP30**)

Michele FORD (2023) [*Buruh dan Intelektual: LSM, mahasiswa, dan gerakan buruh Indonesia*](#). Insist Press. (Indonesian translation of *Workers and Intellectuals: NGOs, trade unions, and the Indonesian labour movement*. University of Hawai'i Press, 2009)

Journal Articles

[Global Labour Journal](#)

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Juliet B. SCHOR, Christopher TIRRELL and Steven P. VALLAS (2023) [*Consent and Contestation: How platform workers reckon with the risks of gig labor*](#). *Work Employment & Society* Online First

Frances FLANAGAN (2023) [*Just Cessation: How might the climate imperative imperative to phase out fossil fuel extraction reshape the concept of Just Transition?*](#) *International Journal of Comparative Labour Law and Industrial Relations*. 39(3/4): 393-418.

Simon JOYCE, Charles UMNEY, Xanthe WHITTAKER, and Mark STUART (2023) [*New social relations of digital technology and the future of work: Beyond technological determinism*](#). *New Technology, Work and Employment* 38(2): 145-161.

Reports

Centre for Sustainable Employment, Azim Premji University (2023) [State of Working India 2023: Social identities and labour market outcomes](#).

Call for Papers: Special Issue

ILR Review Special Issue on ‘[Public, Private, and Social Labor Governance in Global Production: Connections, intersections, and spillovers across arenas and issue fields](#)’.

Deadline for submission of abstracts (about 1000 words): 17 December, 2023.

Authors will be notified in January 2024 if their abstract has been accepted for presentation at a workshop in spring (North America) 2024. A subset of authors will be asked to submit their papers to the *ILR Review* in fall 2024, with the expectation that their papers will be published in a special issue if they pass the external review process. Papers that are deemed of good quality but not selected for the special issue may be considered for publication in a regular issue of the journal. Prospective contributors are urged to consult any of the guest editors regarding preliminary proposals or ideas for papers (see link above).

Work Organisation, Labour & Globalisation Special Issue on ‘[New Worlds of Logistical Labour – spaces, places, technologies, workers.](#)’

Deadline for submission of full papers: 1 March, 2024.

This special issue aims to assemble papers located at the interface between studies of work, labour and the evolving field of critical logistics. It intends to address the core question: what exactly is *new* about ‘new’ work and labour in logistics? The special issue will be edited by Tom Barnes (Australian Catholic University), Christopher O’Neill (Monash University, Australia) and Lauren Kelly (RMIT University, Australia). Questions about the special issue, including the suitability of potential papers, can be directed, in the first instance, to tom.barnes@acu.edu.au. Papers should be submitted to the editor: ursulahuws@analyticapublications.co.uk

Call for Abstracts: Conference

[13th International Convention of Asia Scholars \(ICAS\)](#)

‘Crossways of Knowledge’

Deadline for submission of abstracts: October 25, 2023

Conference Date: July 28-Aug 1, 2024

Venue: Surabaya, Indonesia

[42nd International Labour Process Conference](#)

‘Coercion, Consent and Conflict in the Labour Process and Beyond’

Deadline for submission of abstracts/symposium proposals: October 31, 2023

Conference Date: April 3-5, 2024

Venue: Göttingen, Germany

Panel on ‘[Platform Workers in the Global South: The role of state and workers’ organisation](#)’ at **Association for the Anthropology of Social Change and Development (APAD) Colloquium**. Organisers: Chris King-Chi CHAN, Eric FLORENCE, Jack QIU

Deadline for submission of abstract proposals: November 15, 2023
Conference Date: May 22-24, 2024
Venue: Liège, Belgium

News articles

James, Huw 2023. '[The hype and reality of AI: Insights from Professor Judy Wajcman.](#)' *Business West*, 22 September.
Ovetz, Robert 2023. '[How government serves the capitalist economy and undermines workers.](#)' *The Chief*, 19 September.
Ovetz, Robert 2023. '[It's about power, not income inequality.](#)' *The Chief*, 12 September.

Job posts

Appointments in the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, the Department of Sociology at Johns Hopkins University: As part of a strategic investment for a transformative expansion of the faculty of the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, the Department of Sociology at Johns Hopkins University is poised for significant growth in the coming years. We invite applications for tenured and tenure-track appointments at any rank. In the initial phase, beginning in 2024, we are especially interested in candidates who work in the areas of the sociology of race and ethnicity and the sociology of gender. Full information available [here](#). Questions may be directed to the Recruitment Committee Chair, Dr. Rina Agarwala (agarwala@jhu.edu). Applications received after October 16, 2023, cannot be guaranteed consideration.

Full Professor of Sociology with a focus on transnational labour (Salary Group W3), Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU). We seek to appoint a leading expert with an internationally visible profile in research and teaching who will represent the subject of sociology with a focus on transnational labor and dedicated to the structures and change of employment relationships in a comprehensive as well as transnational sense beyond gainful employment and its institutions. Full information available [here](#). Deadline: October 22, 2023.

Tenure-line job for Assistant or Associate Professor at Penn State who specializes in one or more of the following fields: a.) labor and employment relations (including the labor movement), b.) human resource management, and/or c.) organizational leadership. Full information available [here](#). Deadline for applications: October 31, 2023.

Job Posting for Associate Director, Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights, Wayne State University Law School: The Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights is looking for a new Associate Director. Please note that the qualifications range from people trained in law to those with experience in activism and community organizing. For more information about the Keith Center see [here](#). To see the complete job description and apply see: <https://waynetalent.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/2/home/requisition/1350?c=waynetalent>.

Social media

The first issue of *The Amazon Worker*, produced by the Amazon Workers International (AWI) Committee, is available now: <https://amworkers.wordpress.com/2023/09/18/the-amazon-worker/>. Available in multiple European languages, as well as Arabic and Tigrinya.

For a viral thread on ‘Every documentary about the labor movement ever made and how to watch’ by US-based labour historian, Jeff Schuhrke, see his post to Twitter/X [here](#). (Note: the thread refers to English-language documentaries and is mainly US-focused.)

News and announcements

(1) Readers are **strongly encouraged** to invite colleagues and comrades to join this e-list, including fellow researchers, academics and students of labour, work, employment and labour movements (and related fields), as well as trade unionists, NGO and movement activists, practitioners, etc. It’s easy! You can invite them yourself or, alternatively, tell them to sign up directly by signing up to [googlegroups](#) (and searching for ‘rc-44’).

(2) Items for this newsletter are encouraged and welcomed, e.g., new or forthcoming publications, upcoming events, calls for papers or abstracts, job posts, links to reports about labour movement activities, or other relevant news/announcements, etc. Items/news can be posted to this list or sent directly to tom.barnes@acu.edu.au.

(3) Please **join** or **renew** your [RC44 membership](#) now! The more paid-up members we have, the stronger our voice internationally and within the ISA.

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