



**International Sociological Association  
RC44 - Research Committee on Labour Movements (2023-2027)  
*e-Newsletter May 2024***

This month's newsletter contains important highlights (*see below for details*), including:

- Details about the brand-new issue of our flagship publication, [Global Labour Journal](#), which is out now. The new issue includes a tribute to the life of Eddie Webster, whose many contributions to labour scholarship and activism included a key role in the foundation of RC44.
- Our full call for sessions for the 5<sup>th</sup> ISA Forum in Rabat, Morocco (6-11 July 2025)—**strict deadline is 1 July 2024**
- The [full Statement](#) of Solidarity with Palestine issued by RC48, RC47 and RC44 is attached at the end of this bulletin (page 8). The Statement can also be found and shared on [our LinkedIn page](#).
- Finally, please note that the [entire backlog of RC44 Newsletters](#) (going back to the 1990s) has now been uploaded to our page on the ISA Website – check it out [here!!](#)

**RC-44 call for sessions, [ISA forum 2025, Rabat, Morocco](#)**

**Full call, including timeline and encouraged session themes, is attached at the end of this bulletin (Page 6).**

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## **Publications**

### ***Books***

Gregor GALL (ed.) (2024) [The Handbook of Labour Unions](#), Agenda Publishing.

## **Book Chapters**

Ercüment ÇELİK (2024) ‘Non-hegemonic Circulation of Knowledge in the Social Sciences: The Case of ‘Social Movement Unionism’ Concept’, in Jessé Souza, Ilka Sommer and Christopher Wimmer (eds.) [Für eine menschliche Welt. Zum Werk von Boike Rehbein](#) [For a humane world: On the work of Boike Rehbein], Weinheim Basel: Beltz Juventa, pp. 169-187.

## **Journal Articles**

### **Global Labour Journal**

New issue out now!!

May 2024 (Vol. 15, No. 2)

Editorial: Tribute to the life of Eddie Webster

Contributors: Michael Burawoy, Matan Kaminer, Arif Kosar, Clare Marticorena, Alex Mohubetswane Mashilo, Simon Schaupp, Julia Soul, Stuart Tannock

**Special Issue**, Labor History (Vol. 65, No. 1)

### **The Politics of Deindustrialisation**

*Contributors include:* Marion Fontaine, Steven High, Lauren Laframboise, Magdalena Novoa, Daniela Morales Fredes, Wen Xie, Dimitry Anastakis, Patrick Cooper-McCann, Andrew Guinn, Gregory Wilson, Michael Bianchi, Shonagh L. Joice

Chris SMITH and Paul THOMPSON (2024) ‘[Braverman and Labor and Monopoly Capital: A Retrospective](#)’, *Contributions to Political Economy*, online first

Mathieu DUPUIS (2024) ‘[Algorithmic management and control at work in a manufacturing sector: Workplace regime, union power and shopfloor conflict over digitalisation](#)’, *New Technology, Work and Employment*, online first.

Cailean GALLAGHER, Karen GREGORY, and Boyan KARABALIEV (2023) ‘[Digital worker inquiry and the critical potential of participatory worker data science for on-demand platform workers](#)’, *New Technology, Work and Employment*, online first.

Michele FORD, and Aim SINPENG (2024) ‘[Beyond workplace-related issues: How Global Unions use digital activism to engage in social agenda-setting](#)’, *Global Networks*, online first.

Qingyu WANG and Brendan CHURCHILL (2024) ‘[Risky business: How food-delivery platform riders understand and manage safety at work](#)’, *Journal of Sociology*, online first.

Srujana KATTA, Fabian FERRARI, Niels van DOORN, and Mark GRAHAM (2024) ‘[Migration, migrant work\(ers\) and the gig economy](#)’, *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*, editorial, online first.

Tom BARRATT, Johan SANDSTRÖM, and Bradon ELLEM (2024) ‘[Remaking the socio-spatial fix: Actors, time and crisis in two iron ore towns](#)’, *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*, online first.

Spencer Louis POTIKER, David A. SMITH, Paul S. CICCANTELL, Elizabeth SOWERS, Luc MCKENZIE (2024) '[Labor organizing at chokepoints along Amazon's supply chain: Locating geo-strategic nodes](#)', *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*, online first.

### **Reviews**

Maite TAPIA (2024) '[Book Review: Arise: Power, Strategy, and Union Resurgence, by Jane Holgate](#)', *ILR Review* 75(2): 267-524

### **Reports**

Magdalena SOFFIA, Rolando LEIVA-GRANADOS, Xingzuo ZHOU, and Jolene SKORDIS (February 2024) '[Does technology use impact UK workers' quality of life? A report on worker wellbeing](#)', *Institute for the Future of Work*.

[International Strike Report \(2022\)](#) (published May 2024), Inter-Union Department of Statistics and Socio-Economic Studies, Observatory of Labor Strikes, China Labour Bulletin, LABMOVE Labor Action Laboratory, Labor Studies Collective, Labor Action Tracker.

*Contributors include:* Alpkam Birelma, Eli Friedman, Johnnie Kallas, Deepa Kylasam Iyer, Rodrigo Linhares, Pablo Pérez-Ahumada, Aidan Chau, Katia Pilati, Vincenzo Maccarrone, Sabrina Perra, Alpkam Birelma, and Kathryn Ritchie

### **News**

Robert OVETZ (2024) '[Solidarity strikes can end the genocide in Gaza](#)', *The Chief: A Voice for Workers*.

Robert OVETZ (2024) '[Targeting the boss's weaknesses is a successful strategy](#)', *The Chief: A Voice for Workers*.

Robert OVETZ (2024) '[Defeating the boss' counter-attack](#)', *The Chief: A Voice for Workers*.

### **Call for Papers: Special Issues**

*New Technology, Work and Employment* [Call for Papers for a Special Issue 'Reshaping Work: Disabled People's Inclusion and Digitalization in the New World of Work'](#)

**Submission Deadline: 31 January 2025**

We welcome informal inquiries related to the Special Issue and the Guest Editors are open to discussing initial ideas for papers and a fit with the SI. Inquiries should be directed to: Frederike Scholz at HU University of Applied Sciences, email: [frederike.scholz@hu.nl](mailto:frederike.scholz@hu.nl) or Thomas Bredgaard at Aalborg University, email: [thomas@dps.aau.dk](mailto:thomas@dps.aau.dk)

### **Call for Sessions: Conferences**

**International Sociological Association, 6-11 July, Rabat, Morocco 2025**

See [attachment](#) (page 6).

## Announcements

**Series of Talks:** [Los movimientos laborales latinoamericanos: entre los desafíos de los gobiernos progresistas y el avance de la extrema derecha](#) [Latin American labour movements: Between the challenges of progressive governments and the advance of the far right] *Thursday June 6 to Friday June 7, held virtually.*  
*Coordinated by: Clara Marticorena (CEIL CONICET) and Cirila Quintero Ramírez (COLEF)*

Registration closes **June 3:** <https://forms.gle/GnUv7VC3mnNcuwsi9>

## *Jobs*

Lecturer in Management, in the Work, Employment, Organisation & Public Policy academic group. University of Bristol. Permanent. £41,732-£64,914. **Applications due 23:59 June 2** (GMT)

<https://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/DHN033/lecturer-in-management>

Junior Labour Market Economist. OECD. Paris, France. Full-time, [PAL4](#), 13-month fixed-term appointment with possibility for extension. Applications due midnight June 11 (CEST).  
<https://jobs.smartrecruiters.com/OECD/743999988290633-junior-labour-market-economist>

## *Other announcements*

- (1) Please follow RC44 on our [Twitter/X](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages.
- (2) 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', or just email a request to [tom.barnes@acu.edu.au](mailto:tom.barnes@acu.edu.au)).
- (3) Items for the 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.
- (4) Please **join** or **renew** your [RC44 membership](#) now! The more paid-up members we have, the stronger our voice internationally and within the ISA.

## RC-44

[RC44 Board \(2023–2027\)](#)

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Managed by **Tom Barnes**

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Moderated by **Tom Barnes**

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*Global Labour Journal*

Editors: **Maurizio Atzeni**, **Elena Baglioni**, **Teri Caraway**, **Neethi P.**, **Nicolas Pons-Vignon**, **Ben Scully**

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**In solidarity,**

**Tom, on behalf of the RC44 Board (2023-2027)**

**1 Jun 2024**

## Research Committee on Labour Movements (RC44)

### Call for Sessions, ISA Forum 2025, Rabat, Morocco

The Research Committee on Labour Movements (RC44) is calling for session proposals for the 5th ISA Forum in Rabat, Morocco, 6-11 July 2025. RC44's forum program will be organized by the 2025 Forum Program Committee consisting of Jörg Nowak, Forum Chair, Michele Ford, RC44 President, and Cirila Quintero, RC44 Secretary. **The conference is in-person only, so there will be no hybrid or online sessions.**

We especially encourage proposals for sessions on the following themes:

- Labour regimes
- Discourses of labour
- TU and worker representation in crisis
- Growth of organising around college educated workers
- Civil society and union dynamics
- Rising geopolitical tension and unions
- Politics, elections and the Labour vote
- The (political) Right and labour
- Artificial Intelligence and labour control
- Climate change
- Migration
- Security
- The platform economy
- Organising and representation in logistics
- Care work
- Academic unions/ university workers unions across context

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<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/rabat-2025>

**The call for sessions will be closed on 1 July 2024.** All session proposals must be uploaded on the system before the deadline to be considered for the programme.

Organisers of sessions must be(come) RC44 members, and RC44 members have priority on RC44 panels. As in past ISA meetings, RC44 plan time for engagement with local activists around ISA meetings.

Queries can be sent to Jörg Nowak, RC44 Vice President for Program, [joerg.nowak@gmx.de](mailto:joerg.nowak@gmx.de)

Based on proposals received, the 2025 Forum Program Committee will construct the program. As soon as the topics for the substantive sessions have been selected, a call for papers and roundtable presentations will be sent out via the RC-44 and ISA Websites.

**Timeline for key ISA Forum deadlines:**

**May 5 – 1 July 2024 24:00 GMT Call for Sessions:** RC session proposers must submit session's description on-line via Confex platform

**July 02 - July 31, 2024 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Final List of Sessions**

\* The RC/WG/TG Program Coordinator will finalize a list of sessions.

**August 05 - October 15, 2024 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Abstracts Submission**

\* Participants and organizers of invited sessions must submit abstracts online via the Confex platform in English, French, or Spanish. Only abstracts submitted online will be considered in the selection process.

**October 15 - November 10, 2024 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Abstracts Selection**

**November 10 - November 30, 2024 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Abstracts Relocation**

**December 05, 2024 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Notification Letters**

**December 15, 2024 - January 26, 2025 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Sessions Scheduling**

\* Dec 15 - Jan 15: Confex schedules Joint Session, Round Table, and Poster Sessions

\* January 16 to 26: Program Coordinators schedule regular sessions

**January 31, 2025 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Applications for Registration Grants Deadline**

\* Participants should submit applications for ISA grants to the Program Coordinator.

**February 15, 2025 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Submission of proposed Registration Grants recipients**

\* The Program Coordinator sends the selected recipients and amounts recommended to the ISA Secretariat at isa@isa-sociology.org for verification and approval.

**March 22, 2025 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Registration Deadline for Presenters**

\* Registration must be paid by the deadline. Confex matches registrations with accepted presenters and will send out the last reminder to register. Presenters who have failed to register will be automatically deleted from the program.

**April 3 - April 18, 2025 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Abstracts Relocation**

\* Session Organizer modifies sessions based on the withdrawal of non-registered presenters.

\* Chairs and discussants are assigned from among the registered participants.

\* The program Coordinator completes sessions scheduled according to the conference timetable.

\* If the type of an individual's presentation is changed or if a presentation is transferred to a different session, Confex will notify the authors of the final session and presentation details.

**May 9, 2025 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Online program published**



## Statement of Solidarity with Palestine (\*)

As members of RC48, RC47, and RC44, we are deeply dismayed by the indiscriminate and unceasing violence perpetrated on Palestinians in Gaza. The staggering disregard for human life and resulting tragedy since the launch of the military operation in October 2023 is beyond words. Since then, the world has witnessed the death of more than 33,000 civilians (most of whom are women and children), the displacement of two million people, the destruction of entire neighborhoods, schools and universities, hospitals, places of worship and civil infrastructure, indiscriminate murder of journalists, aid workers, and healthcare professionals, and the imminent danger of famine and starvation. Meanwhile, Western countries continue to provide military and moral support for this collective punishment which amounts to a war crime committed with possible genocidal intent, as the International Court of Justice has recently declared.

As members of RC48, RC47 and RC44, we categorically reject from the outset any indication that would portray us as prioritising one or the other side when it comes to condemning any form of atrocity targeting civilians. We unconditionally and unequivocally defend the sanctity of human life and demand justice for each and every innocent victim and their families impacted by the ongoing violence.

Nevertheless, we also believe that the dire situation in Gaza requires an urgent and decisive response from the international community. This is why we demand an immediate and permanent ceasefire. We stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people for their resilience in the face of growing human catastrophe and believe in their right to live in freedom, with dignity, and as equal citizens. The decades-long apartheid, occupation, and colonisation of the Palestinian land as well as the displacement and dispossession of its population is a grave violation of international law. It perpetuates a cycle of suffering and despair in the region. We call on world leaders to take immediate action to bring a just and peaceful resolution to the conflict in the region in line with international humanitarian law.

In addition to serious human rights violations, we also witness an ongoing assault on academic freedom and freedom of expression by institutions of higher education, academic journals, news outlets, and other spaces of knowledge and consciousness, especially in Western countries. These institutions either remain silent in the face of ongoing violence or subject researchers, faculty members, students, artists, journalists, and public intellectuals who oppose Israel's actions to defamation, intimidation, and suspension. As members of RC48, RC47 and RC44, we are deeply committed to the principles of academic freedom, and we unequivocally condemn the silencing and dismissal of our colleagues for publicly sharing their views. We believe universities, other academic institutions, and associations must actively and without reserve speak out against injustice and human suffering.





Finally, as sociologists who believe in the importance of social movements and collective action for a better world, we express our solidarity with activists, scholars, and all others worldwide who refuse to be silent about the ongoing human tragedy. We join their call for an immediate and lasting sustainable ceasefire. We believe that only through collective action and international pressure can we hope for a future of justice and dignity for all people.

In Solidarity,

RC48 (Research Committee on Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change)

RC47 (Research Committee on Social Classes and Social Movements)

RC44 (Research Committee on Labour Movements)

(\* ) This statement does not reflect the views of the International Sociological Association (ISA) nor all members (including Board Members) of RC48, RC47 and RC44.