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## Newsletter

July 2024

## Publications

### Books

James MULDOON, Mark GRAHAM and Callum CANT (2024) *[Feeding the Machine: The hidden human labour powering AI](#)*. London: Bloomsbury.

Claudia STRAUSS (2024) *[What Work Means: Beyond the puritan work ethic](#)*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. [FREE eBook also available](#).

Juliane REINECKE and Jimmy DONAGHEY (2023) *[Stitching Governance for Labour Rights: Towards transnational industrial democracy?](#)* Cambridge University Press.

Matt VIDAL (2022) *Management Divided: Contradictions of labor management*. Oxford University Press. [Note that you can get 60% off the audiobook until 8 September!](#)

### Journal Articles

#### [Global Labour Journal](#)

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

Benjamin HERR (2024) *[When flexible labour supply generates indeterminacy: Integrated labour control in place-bound platform work](#)*. *Work in the Global Economy*, online first

## Report

David PEETZ (2024) [Employee Voice and New Rights for Workplace Union Delegates](#): Impacts on wages, productivity, cooperation and union training. Centre for Future Work / The Australia Institute.

## Call for Papers

### Special Issues

*Work and Occupations* **Special Issue: Working for Social Change** [Call for Papers](#).

**Paper Proposal Deadline: 1 September 2024**

500 words around *occupational activism* to be submitted to [wox.special.issue@gmail.com](mailto:wox.special.issue@gmail.com).

See the Call for the full list of invited topics.

*ILR Review* **Special Issue: [Public, Private and Social Labor Governance in Global Production](#): Connections, intersections and spillovers across arenas and issue fields.** **Paper Submission Deadline: 30 October 2024**

See the Call for the full list of invited topics.

*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)

## Conferences

**44th International Labour Process Conference, 23-25 April 2025, Santiago, Chile**

[Labour Process and the environmental crisis in a multipolar world](#). Facultad de Economía y Negocios, Universidad Alberto Hurtado.

**Abstract Submission Deadline: 31 October 2024**

350 words, submitted through [ilpc.org.uk](http://ilpc.org.uk).

## Announcements

**Work, Employment & Society Online Series: Meaningful Work in the Digital Economy.**

4-6 September 2024, online, [details online](#)

WES is hosting a series of three interactive online events linked to the theme of meaningful work in the digital economy. Speakers include: Katie Bailey, Knut Laaser, Marjo Lips-Wiersma, Jason

Arday, Shoba Arun, Sara Farris, James Farrar, Ursula Haws and Valeria Pulignano. Read more about the speakers and register your attendance on the [event website](#). Registration fees: BSA Member £10 • Non-member £15 • BSA Concessionary Member FREE. For any questions or enquiries, please contact the [BSA Events Team](#).

## **Conference – Social Boundaries of Work: Critical Labour Studies in the Times of a Polycrisis**

*16-18 October 2024, an in-person event, Wrocław, Poland*

The Department of the Sociology of Work and Economic Sociology at the Institute of Sociology of the University of Wrocław, the Sociology of Work Section of the Polish Sociological Association, the Wrocław branch of the Polish Sociological Association, Sociology Students' Scientific Club at the University of Wrocław, the Critical Labour Studies Network, and RC44 are pleased to share [the full conference program](#).

Registration for those wishing to attend as guests is open until 30 August at the following link: <https://forms.gle/EcJwDadCLjyUrceo6>. We have completed the collection of abstracts for conference presentations.

More information can be found at: <https://socialboundariesofwork.pts.org.pl/en/>

## Obituary

Margot Roosevelt (2024) [Jane F. McAlevey, who empowered workers across the globe, dies at 59](#). *New York Times* 7 July.

For a comprehensive list of tributes to the life of Jane McAlevey, see [here](#).

## Other announcements

Kim SCIPES (2024) 'US labor today and the way forward' 22 May, available at: <https://znetwork.org/znetarticle/us-labor-today-and-the-way-forward/>.

Introduction to webinar on "Zionism, Histadrut, the AFL-CIO, Solidarity Center, and What Was Left Out of the Labor Notes Conference", LEPAIO (Labor Education Project for AFL-CIO International Operations), 3 May: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMTHEI3L4fo>

Kim SCIPES, "The Climate Crisis: Capitalism or Human/Animal/Most Plants Survival", presentation 22 June, 2024: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMqrhWmd2vs&t=592s>. Also check-out Kim's web page on "The Climate Crisis, Environmental Destruction, and Social Justices: Resources" at <https://www.pnw.edu/personal-faculty-pages/kim-scipes-phd/publications/climate-crisis-environmental-destruction-and-social-justice-resources/>.

## Reminders

- (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.

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### Global Labour Journal

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**In solidarity,**

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

**1 Aug 2024**