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Newsletter

August 2024

Important reminder! Abstracts open until 15 October, 2024, for 5th ISA Forum, Rabat, Morocco (July 2025)

Abstracts are now open for the 5th ISA Forum in Rabat, Morocco, 6-11 July 2025. The Research Committee on Labour Movements (RC44) will have 18 sessions at next year's ISA Forum to choose from – [see here for full selection](#). We encourage members to submit abstracts for these sessions. The Call for Abstracts is open until 15 October 2024. For more information on how to submit your abstract, please read see the information below. Please also note that the conference is in-person only—there will be no online or hybrid sessions. Any queries about RC44's program of sessions at the ISA Forum can be sent to Jörg Nowak, RC44 Vice President for Program, joerg.nowak@gmx.de.

Key Points for Submission

For submitting your abstract, you should prepare:

1. **Title**
2. **Keywords** - Up to four custom keywords.
3. **Author(s)** - Presenting author and any co-authors. There is a limit of seven (7) authors.
4. **Abstract** - Abstract text may not exceed 300 words and can be entered in either English, French or Spanish. Please review the languages accepted in the session you want to submit for.

Duties and Deadlines

- **Abstracts Submission Closes:** October 15, 2024 - No deadline extensions.
- **Abstracts Selection Closes:** November 10, 2024
- **Abstract Relocation Closes:** November 30, 2024
- **Notification of Acceptance:** December 5, 2024

Rules for all presenters

- All abstracts must be submitted in English, French or Spanish. Please review the languages accepted in the session you want to submit for.
- There is a limit of seven (7) authors per abstract.
- Authors and co-authors cannot present and chair in the same session. Please note that session organizer and chair does not need to be the same person.

How to submit an abstract

- Instructions for submitting your abstract can be found [on the ISA website here](#).

Publications

Book Chapter

P. PÉREZ-AHUMADA & F. GUTIÉRREZ-CROCCO (2024). [Labor Organizations and Protest: Reflections on the Fragmentation of Unions, Union Pluralism, and Strikes](#). In A. Joignant & N. M. Somma (Eds.), *Social Protest and Conflict in Radical Neoliberalism: Chile, 2008–2020* (pp. 49–69). Springer Nature Switzerland

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

P. PÉREZ-AHUMADA & C. ASTORGA-PINTO (2024). [Why are union members more willing to strike and protest than non-union members? Evidence from Argentina and Chile](#). *Journal of Industrial Relations*, online first.

L. DENCİK, J. BRAND, & S. MURPHY (2024). [What do data rights do for workers? A critical analysis of trade union engagement with the datafied workplace](#). *Transfer: European Review of Labour and Research*, online first

M. DUPUIS, I. GREER, A. KIRSCH, G. LECHOWSKI, D. PARK, & T. ZIMMERMANN (2024). [A Just Transition for Auto Workers? Negotiating the Electric Vehicle Transition in Germany and North America](#). *ILR Review*, online first

B. ELLEM (2024) [Explaining Union Decline: Remaking Power Relations in the Pilbara Iron Ore Industry](#). *Labour History*. online first.

V. PULIGNANO, K. MUSZYŃSKI & M. TAPIA (2024) [Variations of Freelancers' "Effort-Bargain" Experiences in Platform Work: The Role of Skills](#). *ILR Review*, online first.

Call for Papers

Special Issues

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 or

Thomas Bredgaard at Aalborg University, email: 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.

Announcements

Now available! **Videos from the series of talks on Latin American labour movements organised in June by RC44, CEIL-CONICET and COLEF** are now available here: [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].

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](#).

The **Centre for Future Work**'s next in-person 'Economics for Unionists' course will be held in Sydney, Australia on 21-22 October 2024. Economics for Unionists is a 2-day course to learn economics from the workers' point of view run by the Centre for Future Work, offered through the Australian Trade Union Institute (ATUI). Enhance your understanding of major economic concepts and arguments, theories of labour in the economy and alternative approaches to economic policy. This course will equip you with the knowledge you need to win the economic argument for industrial reform and the protection of workers' rights.

To register, please visit: <https://atui.org.au/course/economics-for-unionists/#:~:text=About,the%20protection%20of%20workers'%20rights>

Other announcements

Recent articles in *The Chief* by Robert OVETZ:

- In Nigeria, choke-point strikes point to successful strategy <https://thechiefleader.com/stories/in-nigeria-choke-point-strikes-point-to-successful-strategy,52552>
- Supreme Court's Starbucks ruling proves labor law serves the boss <https://thechiefleader.com/stories/supreme-courts-starbucks-ruling-proves-labor-law-serves-the-boss,52625?&cb=1719337254>
- RIP U.S. democracy? <https://thechiefleader.com/stories/rip-us-democracy,52704?>
- Bargaining kills the workers movement <https://thechiefleader.com/stories/bargaining-kills-the-workers-movement,52774>

Kim SCIPES (2024) 'It's Time to Organize or Die.' *Z Network*, 4 August. On-line at <https://znetwork.org/znetarticle/its-time-to-organize-or-die/>.

Kim SCIPES (2024) 'What's Our Left Strategy Going Forward in the US?' *Z Network*, 25 August. On-line at <https://znetwork.org/znetarticle/whats-our-left-strategy-going-forward-in-the-us>

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).

- (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.

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In solidarity,

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

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