



Labour  
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## Newsletter

September 2024

### **Urgent & final reminder! Abstracts close on 15 October 2024 for 5<sup>th</sup> ISA Forum, Rabat, Morocco (July 2025)**

Abstracts are now open for the 5th ISA Forum in Rabat, Morocco, 6-11 July 2025 and close in 2 weeks (15 October). Please note that there can be **no extension** to this deadline. RC44 is involved in multiple sessions at next year's ISA Forum (see the full list below). We encourage members and supporters to submit abstracts for these sessions. For more information on how to submit your abstract, please read 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](mailto: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](#).

## *RC44 will have the following sessions, but abstracts can also be submitted on other topics:*

- AI, Precarity and the Future of Academic Labor Organizing (joint session of RC44 and RC04)
- Author Meets Critics: Against Abandonment (joint session of RC44 and RC02)
- Authors Meet Critics
- Beyond the National: Multi-Scalar Applications of the Power Resources Approach in Labour Studies
- Buttressing the Labor Movement: The Meaning of Mobilizing Immigrant Workers (joint session of RC44 and RC47)
- Centering Domestic Workers in the Global Care Agenda
- India's Migration-Development Regime: A New Analytical Framework for Labor Migration (joint session of RC44, RC 47 and RC 48)
- Infrastructural Power of Gafam and Worker Power in the Platform Economy
- Labor Actions, Strikes, and Beyond (joint session of RC44 and RC48)
- Labor Movements and Political and Economic Changes in Latin America
- Labour and Other Social Movements: Collective Elaboration and Collective Actions in the Evolution of the Modern Age (joint session of RC44 and RC47)
- Labour Movement Responses to Violence and Harassment at Work
- Labour Regimes and Work Processes in the Global South in the Context of a Multipolar World
- Les Arts de Rue (joint session of RC44, RC07, RC30, RC31, RC32, RC33, RC34, RC35, RC42, RC46, TG09)
- Multiple Crises of Capitalism and Civil Society in East Asia (joint session of RC44 and RC47)
- New Digital Technologies, Power and Work: Labor Control and Resistance
- Rebels for the System: Foundations and the Channeling of the Labor Movement
- Sociological Conversations on Palestine (joint session of RC44, RC 48 and RC47)
- Sociological Conversations on Palestine: Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change (joint session of RC44, RC 48 and RC47)
- Sociological Conversations on Palestine: Academic Freedom in Dark Times (joint session of RC44, RC 48 and RC47)

- Sociological Conversations on Palestine: Global Labour Solidarity with Palestine (joint session of RC44, RC 48 and RC47)
- Sociological Conversations on Palestine: Settler Colonialism and Movements of Resistance and Liberation (joint session of RC44, RC 48 and RC47)
- The Ecological Crisis and the Dilemmas of Labour Environmentalism
- What Labour Movement for the 21st Century?
- Work, Labour and Social Movements in Post-Growth Capitalism (joint session of RC44 and RC47)

## Publications

### Book

Alexander GALLAS (2024). *Exiting the Factory: Strikes and class formation beyond the industrial sector*. Bristol: Bristol University Press.

Written in two volumes, this important book asks what strikes in non-industrial sectors mean for class formation, a critical question which has largely been unaddressed by the current literature on global labour unrest. A mapping of strikes around the world and case studies from Germany, Britain and Spain cast new light on class relations, struggles around waged and unwaged work and labour movements in contemporary capitalism to bring class theory back to labour studies. This is a valuable resource for academics and students of employment relations, sociology and politics. To access Volume 1, please [visit this link](#); for Volume 2, please [visit this link](#).

### 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

C. GOODS & B. ELLEM (2024). [An improbable driver of ‘Just Transitions’? Union power in the coal heartland of Western Australia’s energy shift](#). *Energy Research & Social Science*, online first.

C. RHOMBERG (2024). [Authoritarian innovation in the United States: the role of dual subnational systems of labor governance](#). *Journal of Industrial Relations*, online first.

S. STEVANO (2024). [The devaluation of essential work: An assessment of the 2023 ILO Report](#). *Development & Change*, online first.

S.P. VALLAS & J.B. SCHOR (2024). [Labour platforms as mechanisms of class reproduction: middle-class interests as the basis of worker consent](#). *Work in the Global Economy*, online first.

Please note the following issues out in September:

- the [September 2024 issue \(50/6\) of \*Critical Sociology\*](#) contains (among other items) a special section 'In Celebration of Michael Burawoy' and a special section on 'Sociologists Plea for Palestine'. Several RC44 stalwarts are among the contributors to these initiatives, including one paper lead authored posthumously by [Eddie Webster](#).
- [No. 13 Vol. 1 of \*Workers of the World\*](#) is available for free download, also including an appreciation of Eddie Webster's life and contribution.

## 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](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

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

E. Humphrys and B. Frankham (2024) [The deep political power of fluoro: How hi-vis became a symbol of working-class masculinity](#). *The Conversation* (Australia), 18 September.

## 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.

## RC44

### RC44 Board (2023–2027)

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### RC44 Newsletter & RC44 Webpage

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*Global Labour Journal*

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

Reviews Editor: **Omar Manky Bonilla**

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**In solidarity,**

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

**1 Oct 2024**