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Newsletter

October 2024

Welcome to RC44's monthly newsletter for October! Please note the following:

(1) Thanks to everyone who submitted abstracts to RC44 sessions for next year's 5th ISA Forum in Rabat, Morocco (6-11 July 2025). Abstracts submissions have now closed. According to the ISA's timeline, those who submitted abstracts will receive notification of the outcome in December. 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.

(2) The latest issue of our flagship *Global Labour Journal* was published last month... See all the details in our announcements below.

(3) The next (November) RC44 newsletter will be our last for 2024. The deadline to send items is **30 November**. As always, 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. If you have an item, please send to tom.barnes@acu.edu.au (or feel free to post to the RC44 e-list!).

(4) And a reminder that you 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).

Publications

Books

Christian STRÜMPELL and Michael HOFFMANN (ed.) 2023. *Industrial Labour in an Unequal World: Ethnographic perspectives on uneven and combined development*. Berlin: De Gruyter.

Markus HELFEN, Rick DELBRIDGE, Andreas PEKAREK AND Gretchen PURSER (eds) 2024. *Essentiality of Work*. Research in the Sociology of Work, Vol 36, Emerald.

Jeff SCHUHRKE. 2024. *Blue-Collar Empire: The untold story of US labor's global anti-communist crusade*. Verso Books.

Valeria PULIGNANO and Markieta DOMECKA 2025, forthcoming. *The Politics of Unpaid Labour: How the study of unpaid labour can help address inequality in precarious work*. Oxford: Oxford University Press – [eBook available now](#)

Stephanie ROSS and Larry SAVAGE. 2025, forthcoming. *Shifting Gears: Canadian auto workers and the changing landscape of labor politics*. Vancouver: UBC Press – [eBook available now](#)

Book Chapter

P. PÉREZ-AHUMADA 2024. The structure of labor organization and strike activity in Chile: A quantitative analysis. In *100 years of Chile's Labor Directorate 1924-2024: Trajectories, perspectives, and challenges* (pp. 205–232) – Available in Spanish (*Centenario Dirección del Trabajo de Chile*) https://www.dt.gob.cl/portal/1629/articles-126717_archivo_01.pdf

Journal Articles

[Global Labour Journal](#)

September 2024 (Vol. 15, No. 3)

This quarter's issue includes articles from Brazil, Kenya, Nigeria, Zambia, as well as the Fair Food Movement, plus reviews of three important new books.

Contributors: Baba Aye, Charles Burggraaf, Vanessa de Becze, Stanley Gacek, Monicah Gachuki, Francisca Gutiérrez-Crocco, Phillip A Hough, Thomas Klikauer, Lucas López, James Musonda, Stephen Pursey, Karthik Ramanujam, Jana Silverman

S. BLACK and L. MARSH. 2024. [Domestic workers' organizations and participatory approaches to labour standards enforcement: The case of Jamaica](#). *International Labour Review*, online first.

J. HEALY and A. PEKAREK. 2024. [The triangular relationship in platform gig work: Consumers, platform beneficence and worker vulnerability](#). *New Technology, Work and Employment*, online first

P. PÉREZ-AHUMADA, F. GUTIÉRREZ-CROCCO and C. ASTORGA-PINTO. 2024. [Class inequality, power, and trust in private companies: Evidence from Latin America](#). *Business and Politics*, online first

P. PÉREZ-AHUMADA and J.D. GARCÍA-CASTRO. 2024. [Subjective inequality and attitudes to labor unions: Evidence from Latin America](#). *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, 93

M. DUPUIS and A. MASSICOTTE. 2024. [Are new technologies empowering workers? Digital lean production and the reorganization of work in manufacturing](#). *Work and Occupations*, online first

Xiaotian LI and Jenny CHAN. 2024. [Migrate to \(not\) be 'gurus': Unpacking workplace masculinity in China's tech sector](#). *Work, Gender and Organization* 31(6): 2618-633.

P. THOMPSON and C. SMITH. 2024. [Labour process theory in and beyond the core: continuities, challenges, and choices](#). *Work in the Global Economy*, online first

Call for Papers

Special Issues

Work and Occupations [Call for Papers for a Special Issue ‘Creative Work in the Digital Age: AI, Power and Transformation’](#)

Submission Deadline: 1 December 2025

The [Center for Cultural Affairs \(CCA\)](#) and *Work and Occupations* invites submissions for a special issue on the theme of Creative Work and New Technologies, with a focus on the growing role of AI. This special issue seeks to examine how advancements in digital technologies, particularly AI, are reshaping creative labour markets and the nature of creative work. Inquiries should be directed to: Joanna Woronkowicz (jworonko@iu.edu), Doug Noonan (noonand@iu.edu) and Rachel Skaggs (skaggs.131@osu.edu).

International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy [Call for Papers for a Special Issue ‘The informal economy and digital labour platforms: Opportunities, risks, and challenges for workers’](#)

Submission Deadline: 30 January 2025

The special issue aims to shed light on how Digital Labour Platforms (DLPs) affect the informal economy and workers in occupations that have been traditionally characterised by informality. Inquiries should be directed to: Iraklis Dimitriadis, iraklis.dimitriadis@sns.it, Diego Coletto, diego.coletto@unimib.it

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

5th annual Future of Work Conference (ETUI), [‘Reclaiming the Value of Work in the Digital Economy’](#), 20-21 February 2025, KU Leuven, Belgium

Abstract Submission Deadline: 11 November 2024

2025 Conference of the Canadian Association for Work and Labour Studies, ‘Beyond Boundaries: Workers' Struggles and Strategies Across Space and Time’ 28-30 May 2025. McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. Call for Papers available [in English](#) and [in French](#).

Submission Deadline for Individual Paper Proposals: 31 January 2025

Announcements

Job Postings

Assistant Professor in Technology, Organizing, and the Future of Work, College of Letters & Science - Social Sciences, UC Santa Barbara, **Next review of applications 4 November**. (Final applications close 30 June 2025.), <https://recruit.ap.ucsb.edu/JPF02826>

Lecturer in International Development (Climate and South East/East Asia), King's College London. **Applications close 5 November**, <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/jobs/096429-lecturer-in-international-development-climate-and-south-easteast-asia>

Other announcements

Union, a film by Stephen Maing and Brett Story, about the historic campaign for union rights among Amazon workers in Staten Island, New York – Out now at selected venues. For more information, visit <https://www.unionthefilm.com/>

Webinar launch of upcoming *Work in the Global Economy* Special Issue on ‘Doing labour process theory 50 years after Braverman: Challenges and Choices’, 22 November 1630 GMT. Speakers include Paul Thompson, Sarah Nies, Lu Zhang, James Steinhoff, Steven Vallas and Jean Jenkins. Register for free [here](#).

Applications invited for doctoral programme at The Centre on Labour, Sustainability and Global Production (CLaSP) at Queen Mary University of London. For more information, please [visit here](#).

Applications open for MS ILR degree **on** Labor Research and Policy at Cornell University, a two-year masters' degree program that prepares students for careers in U.S. and global labor, policy, and non-governmental organizations. For more information, please [visit here](#).

L. KELLY. 2024. [Why Woolworths workers can't sleep at night: inside the supermarket giant's controversial 'Framework'](#). *The Conversation* (Australia), 24 October.

N. COUNTOURIS and V. DE STEFANO. 2024. [Amazon's office mandate: The hidden power play behind workplace control](#). *Social Europe*, 9 October.

D. PEETZ. 2024. [Productivity is often mistaken for wages. What does it really mean? How does it really work?](#) *The Conversation*. 8 October.

S. JAFFE. 2024. [After historic Chattanooga win, the UAW is bargaining for better conditions at Volkswagen](#). *In These Times*. 6 October.

Latest edition of *Futures of Work* Blog (Issue 29, October 2024) addresses the intersections between employment, welfare, poverty and debt – see [here](#).

Reminder

Please follow RC44 on our [Twitter/X](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages.

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In solidarity,

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

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