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Newsletter

November 2024

Welcome to RC44's monthly newsletter for November 2024! Please note the following:

(1) This is the last newsletter for 2024. Thanks to all who submitted items to newsletters this year! The deadline to send items for the next newsletter is 31 January 2025. Items for the newsletter are always 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, in the meantime, you have news/announcements for the December/January period, feel free to post them on the RC44 e-list (or send to tom.barnes@acu.edu.au who will post them ASAP).

(2) Regarding next year's 5th ISA Forum in Rabat, Morocco (6-11 July 2025), those who submitted abstracts should receive notification of the outcome during December. Any queries about RC44's program of sessions at the ISA Forum should be sent to Jörg Nowak, RC44 Vice President for Program, joerg.nowak@gmx.de.

(3) Regarding social media, many readers will be aware of the exodus from Twitter/X to other platforms, including and especially [Bluesky Social](#). Previously an invite-only platform, Bluesky was opened to all users in early 2024. Since last month's presidential election in the US, millions of social media users have switched to Bluesky, which has become the social media platform of choice for many. Arguments abound over whether progressive researchers, academics and students ought to abandon Twitter/X entirely. While we are cognisant of X/Twitter's ongoing deterioration and open to considered and constructive suggestions, RC44 is maintaining our presence on Twitter/X for the time being. However, we emphasise that **we do have a Bluesky account, so please follow us [@labourrc44.bsky.social](#)** and encourage friends, colleagues and comrades in labour scholarship and the labour movement to do the same!! 😊 In addition, we have a recently established [LinkedIn page](#) and we maintain a presence on [Facebook](#) (which we will look to update ASAP).

(4) A final reminder that you are strongly encouraged to invite colleagues and comrades to join our eList, 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! If you're already on the list, you can invite them yourself.

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.

(5) Finally, for those taking time away from work, may you enjoy a peaceful and restful holiday season and, as always, strength and solidarity to everyone working and to everyone involved in labour, social and environmental struggles for a better world as we approach the new year. All best wishes and solidarity to friends, colleagues and comrades for the Dec/Jan season 😊

Publications

Books

Julie MACLEAVY and Frederick Harry PITTS (ed.) (2025) [*The Handbook for the Future of Work*](#). Routledge.

Pat ARMSTRONG, Hugh ARMSTRONG and Jacqueline A. CHOINIÈRE (ed.) (2024) [*The Labour Crisis in Long Term Care: The right to care*](#). Edward Elgar. (Free version also available to download at Elgaronline.)

Tiziano BONINI and Emiliano TRERÉ (2024) [*Algorithms of Resistance: The everyday fight against platform power*](#). MIT Press.

Mélanie LAROCHE and Gregor MURRAY (ed.) (2024) [*Experimenting for Union Renewal: Challenges, illustrations and lessons*](#). European Trade Union Institute (ETUI). (Online version downloadable for free.)

Jane PARKER, Noelle DONNELLY, Susan RESSIA and Mihajla GAVIN (ed.) (2024) [*Field Guide to Researching Employment and Industrial Relations*](#). Edward Elgar.

Naomi R. WILLIAMS (2024) [*A Blueprint for Worker Solidarity: Class, politics and community in Wisconsin*](#). University of Illinois Press.

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

E. HUMPHRYS (2024) [*Inertia in transformed times: Work health and safety amid climate change*](#). *Journal of Industrial Relations*, online first.

N. LICHTENSTEIN (2024) [*The United Auto Workers' Southern offensive*](#). *New Labor Forum*, online first

M. MAZZUCATO and L. MONACO (2024) [*Rethinking industrial strategies and the state: A global south perspective*](#). *Social Research* 91(3): 819-49.

R. ROY (2024) [*Covert carcerality for 'high-income cheap labor': Indian tech workers in the United States*](#). *Sociological Forum*, online first.

R. ROY (2024) [Praxis of compliance: feminist solidarity for women tech workers in India during COVID-19](#). *Journal of Gender Studies*, online first.

P. WOTSCHACK, L. HELLBACH and F. BUTOLLO, F. (2024) [Algorithmic management in the food delivery sector: A contested terrain?](#) *Weizenbaum Journal of the Digital Society*, 4(3).

Call for Papers

Special Issues

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

4th Labour Transfer School: Establishing links between research and labour activism. 8-13 June, 2025, Buggerru, Sardinia, Italy. The Labour Transfer School (LabourTransfer) is an independent, not for profit, international initiative of global labour scholars interested in collaborations, synergies and knowledge exchange between academia and social organizations, aiming at producing emancipatory knowledge on labour and social issues. LabourTransfer gives participants a chance to exchange their research interests with academics, labour activists, artists, journalists and trade unionists from all over the world. We are aiming this year to select about 70 activists and students. Selection will be on the basis of a letter of motivation and a CV. Please also include a short bio and a sentence or two on your current research work and/or political activism for labour in your application. To submit your application, please fill the form you can [find on our website](#). Applications will be **open until 15 December 2024**. Selected participants will be notified of their acceptance by 22 December 2024. For further information please email: labourtransferschool@gmail.com

2025 SASE Conference (Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics) 'Inclusive Solidarities: Reimagining boundaries in divided times', 9-12 July 2025, Palais des Congrès, Montréal, Québec. **Hard deadline for all submissions: 16 December 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**

Work Employment and Society Conference 2025 (British Sociological Association), [Continuities and Discontinuities in Work and Employment](#), 8-10 September 2025, University of Manchester, UK. **Abstract submissions now open until: 21 March 2025.**

Announcements

Conference

Past, Present and Future of Green Jobs: Policies, Strategies and Alternatives (État des lieux et avenir des emplois verts: Politiques, strategies et alternatives), 6-7 December 2024. Hybrid Conference, Université de Québec en Outaouais, Gatineau. Keynote speakers: Nora Räthzel and Dimitris Stevis – To participate as an observer, please contact the conference organisers directly: transitionjuste@gmail.com

Seminar

Next online seminar of the ‘Humans in Digital Logistics’ ([HuLog](#)) project talk feat. Martin Krzywdzinski speaking about insights from [his recent co-publication](#), ‘Control and Flexibility: The Use of Wearable Devices in Capital- and Labor-Intensive Work Processes’, 300-430pm GMT 18 December online. To register for participation, please visit [this link](#).

Other announcements

Online roundtable (Nov 2024) on ‘Deindustrialization, caste and race’ from Deindustrialization and the Politics of Our Time ([DePOT](#)), a partnership of over 35 research centres, industrial museums, labour archives, trade unions and other organizations across North America and Europe. Roundtable now [viewable on Youtube](#).

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/>

S. HILHORST. 2024. [A tale of two towns: Economic disadvantage and political disempowerment in ex-industrial England](#). *Common-Wealth*. 22 November.

Important reminder

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