

# The ISA Economy and Society Research Committee (ISA RC02)

## Pre-Congress Early Career Sociologist Workshop

**June 24, 2023**

Venue: [M10 at the The Crown](#)

8 Whiteman Street, Southbank 3006, Melbourne, Australia

09:15-09:30	<b>Introductory Remarks</b>
09:30- 11:00	<b>Publication Seminar and Meeting with the Editor: David Fasenfest, <i>Critical Sociology</i></b>
11:00-11:15	Break
11:15-12:15	<b>Session 1: Redefining the Informal Labour Market</b>  1. A.S Sandhya. (University of Duisburg-Essen) <i>'Manpower Bazaar': Spatial Navigation of Competition in the Nepalese Migrant Recruitment Market</i>  2. Anushree Gupta and Neha Gupta (Department of Liberal Arts, IIT Hyderabad) <i>Heat Resistance: A case study of platform workers' 'AC strike' in Kolkata and Hyderabad</i>  Moderator/Discussant: Heidi Gottfried
12:15-13:15	Lunch break
13:15-14:15	<b>Session 2: Reframing Relational work</b>  1. Quentin Schnapper (LaSSP, Sciences Po Toulouse) Attachments, Circuits of Clientele, and Personalized Commodity Exchanges: Ethnography of Shopkeeper-Customer Relationships in a Rural Market Town  2. Xinyue Shen ( Fudan University) Contextualizing Moral Transactions: Infrastructure, Relational Duality, and Commodified Intimacy in the Chinese Idol Industry  Moderator/Discussant: Sanjeev Routray
14:15-14:30	Break

14:30-15:30	<b>Session 3: GVC and Precarious Capitalism</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sandeepan Tripathy (Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore) <i>Precarity Capitalism: A Labor View of Surat in the Global Value Chains of Textile Industry.</i></li> <li>2. Bronwyn Lee (Sociology Department, Binghamton University) <i>An Alliance with Alcoa for Aluminum and Autonomy: Embedding Suriname's National Politics in Global Aluminum Commodity Chains, 1950s-1960s</i></li> </ol> <p>Moderator/Discussant: Michelle Hsieh</p>
15:30-15:45	Break
15:45-16:45	<b>Session 4: Politics of Skill Formation vs. Politics of Infrastructure and Development</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dhiren Swain (IIT Madras) <i>Small Businesses, Self-help Groups, and Informal Committees: Politics of Democratic Negotiation and Decision Making in JAGA Mission</i></li> <li>2. Kai-Heng Lin (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica) <i>Bringing the Firm Back into the Developmental Skill Formation Model: The Case of Taiwan (1966-1983)</i></li> </ol> <p>Moderator/Discussant: Karen Shire</p>
16:45-17:00	Break
17:00-18:00	<b>Session 5: Labour Control and Digitalization vs. Labour Control in the Service Industry</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chunhao Huang (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica) <i>The Digital Transformation of Labor Process in Taiwan's Mold Manufacturing and Plastic Injection Industry</i></li> <li>2. David du Toit (Department of Sociology, University of Johannesburg) <i>Outsourcing Household Labour: Exploring the Implications of Paid Domestic Work Through a Scientific Management Lens</i></li> </ol> <p>Moderator/Discussant: David Fasenfest</p>
18:00-18:15	<b>Concluding Remarks</b>