



**International Sociological Association**  
**RC44 - Research Committee on Labour Movements (2023-2027)**  
**e-Newsletter February 2024**

## **Publications**

### ***Book***

Gabriella ALBERTI and Devi SACCHETTO (2024) [\*The Politics of Migrant Labour: Exit, voice and social reproduction.\*](#) Bristol University Press.

Richard HYMAN and Rebecca GUMBRELL-MCCORMICK (2024) [\*Towards a European System of Industrial Relations? The ETUC in the Twenty-First Century.\*](#) Brussels: ETUI.

### ***Journal Articles***

#### ***Global Labour Journal***

**New issue out now!!**

January 2024 (Vol. 15, No. 1)

*Contributors:* Jörg Nowak, Felix Syrovatka, William Tilleczek, Sarah Waters, Tom Barnes, Jannis Eicker, *plus the Editors*

Lauren Kate KELLY (2024) [\*Supermarket ‘Dark Jobs’ and Rapid Grocery Delivery: Transformations in labour, technology and logistics.\*](#) *New Media and Society* 26(3): 1227-48.

Francesco BAGNARDI, Devi SACCHETTO and Francesca Alice VIANELLO (2024) [\*Constructed Mobilities: The reproduction of posted workers’ disposability in the construction sector.\*](#) *Work Employment and Society* Online First

Brendan BURCHELL, Simon DEAKIN, Jill RUBERY and David A SPENCER (2024). [\*The Future of Work and Working Time: Introduction to the Special Issue.\*](#) *Cambridge Journal of Economics* 48(1): 1-24.

Special issue of [\*Socialism and Democracy\*](#) 36(1/2) edited by Josep Maria Antentas on ‘Strikes Today’ – including papers by Katia Pilati and Margherita Sabrina Perra, Rodrigo M. Medel, Larry W. Isaac, Paul F. Lipold and Brittney Rose, Jörg Nowak and Marco Santana, Anne Dufresne, Aaron Jaffe, Verónica Gago, Jordi A. Guzmán and Marta Ill-Raga, Elias König

## *Podcast*

Delivery Exception: a series bringing together scholars and organizers to talk about supply chain justice: Organised by Matthew Hockenberry, Department of Communication and Media Studies, Fordham University, NY

For full details of guest speakers throughout February and March 2024, please visit: <https://supplystudies.com/delivery-exception/>.

## *Call for Papers: Special Issues*

*The Sociological Review* [Call for Expressions of Interest for forthcoming Special Section on ‘45 Years of Manufacturing Consent.’](#)

**Deadline for expressions of interest: 1 April 2024.** Applicants will be advised of outcomes in late April 2024. If accepted, applicants will have until 9 September 2024 to submit complete papers for peer review.

Focused on sociologist Michael Burawoy’s 1979 book *Manufacturing Consent: Changes in the labor process under monopoly capitalism*. The aim of this forthcoming Special Section is to reassess and critically engage with this landmark work and its ongoing influence, more than four decades on. In revisiting this text, the editors are looking for papers that engage with themes of worker experiences and the labour process in the 21st century, and we particularly welcome contributions that address global power imbalances between the Global North and Global South.

*Research in the Sociology of Work* [Call for Papers on the theme of ‘Worker Organising: Between grassroots mobilization and industrial citizenship.’](#)

**Deadline: 1 April 2024.** This volume of *Research in the Sociology of Work* invites papers that explore all aspects of worker organizing. Please submit your manuscript to [RSWEditors@gmail.com](mailto:RSWEditors@gmail.com) and include “Worker Organizing” in the subject line.

## *Call for Abstracts: Conference*

Symposium: [Future of Work in the Global South and Global North](#)

Organiser: Dr Lutfun Nahar Lata, University of Melbourne.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: March 10, 2024.

Conference Date: May 2-3, 2024

Venue: Online via zoom & in-person at the University of Melbourne, Australia

Conference on [‘Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Work’](#).

Organisers: Cornell University-King’s College London Global Hub Project

Deadline for submission of abstracts (approx. 1000 words): March 15, 2024.

Conference Date: September 12-13, 2024. (Papers will be considered for special issue of *ILR Review*.)

Venue: Cornell University, Ithaca NY

Conference on '[Power and Inequality in Value Chains and Production Networks.](#)'  
Organiser: Centre for Competition, Regulation and Economic Development, University of Johannesburg  
Deadline for submission of abstracts: March 15, 2024.  
Conference Date: June 13-14, 2024.  
Venue: University of Johannesburg

### *News articles*

Kelly, Lauren Kate 2024. '[The secret sauce of Coles' and Woolworths' profits: high tech surveillance and control.](#)' *The Conversation*, 23 February.  
Ovetz, Robert 2024. '[How to defeat neoliberalism.](#)' *The Chief*, 30 January.

### *Job posts*

Research Fellow for the Leeds Index of Platform Labour Protest. The Leeds Index is a database compiling information about protest events of platform workers. We have developed a methodology that allows for data of platform worker contestations of their working conditions. Currently, the Leeds Index looks at four sectors (ride hailing, food delivery, parcel delivery and grocery delivery), and the aim is to extend this to other sectors, to increase the number of companies covered and to regularly update the dataset. We are looking for a new team member with a good understanding of the platform economy and a good knowledge of the academic debates in employment relations, social movements and Protest Event Analysis. The successful candidate will need strong methodological skills, an eye for detail and well developed expertise in data coding, spreadsheets and statistical analysis (including experience of using SPSS, Stata and/or R). Engagement with trade unions and policymakers about the Leeds Index is a crucial element of the role. Deadline 6 March 2024. Fixed-term contact. For details, [visit this site](#).

Postdoctoral Fellow in Sociology, Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. This is a full-time post. Initially a two-year contract (with possibility of renewal), with an expected start date of 1 June 2024. Job description: The Department of Applied Social Sciences is recruiting a Postdoctoral Fellow in Sociology. The post is open in terms of theoretical and qualitative methodological approach within the fields of sociology of labor, work and employment, and political economy, with specialism in China or from a comparative perspective in Asia. Skills, knowledge and experience: 1. PhD in sociology, political science or a closely related discipline by the date of appointment; 2. Clear potential for excellent academic publications record. Please submit your research statement, CV and up to three writing samples (top-ranked peer-reviewed journal articles and/or forthcoming publications) to Dr Jenny Chan [jenny.wl.chan@polyu.edu.hk](mailto:jenny.wl.chan@polyu.edu.hk) by **31 March 2024**. Applicants only need to submit the contact information of their three referees. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.

## *News and announcements*

(1) The latest [The Sociological Review Magazine](#) is on the theme of ‘Work’ and includes articles on disability in the workplace, on whether informal labour offers freedom as well as precarity, and weigh how gig work is gendered & shaped by inequalities – and much more.

(2) The Progress in Political Economy (PPE) blog has launched a forum, called **PPExchanges**, to showcase state-of-the-art commentaries by authors on their own research agenda and how the scholarship that they have produced specifically advances our understanding of political economy. For details, check out their website [here](#).

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

(4) 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)).

(5) 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.

(6) Please **join** or **renew** your [RC44 membership](#) now! The more paid-up members we have, the stronger our voice internationally and within the ISA.

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**In solidarity,**

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

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