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Publications

Books

Maurizio, ATZENI, Dario AZZELLINI, Alessandra MEZZADRI, Phoebe MOORE, and Ursula APITZSCH (ed.) (2023). [*Handbook of Research on the Global Political Economy of Work*](#). Edward Elgar.

Journal Articles

Global Labour Journal

September 2023 (Vol. 14, No. 3) *Special Issue on 'Labour Conflict, Forms of Organisation and Class', guest edited by Maurizio ATZENI, Jenny CHAN, and Devi SACCHETTO*
Contributors: Benjamin Anderson, Gabriella Alberti, Katy Fox-Hodess, David Harvie, Maria Ivancheva, John Jenkinson, Simon Joyce, Gabriel Juncal, Clara Marticorena, Arif Novianto, S. Irudaya Rajan, Ben Scully, Ilona Steiler, Raman Yerashenia

Jenny CHAN (2023). [*Class, labour conflict and workers' organization*](#). *Economic and Labour Relations Review* 34(4): 383-394.

Claudia MARÀ, Valeria PULIGNANO, and Paul STEWART (2023). [*Dynamics of unionism in the platform economy: The case of the food delivery sector in Bologna, Italy*](#). *Economic and Labour Relations Review* 34(3): 393-412.

Anne Lisa CARSTENSEN (2023). [*The chronos of class conflict. The relevance of the temporal dimension in conflicts related to labour migration*](#). *The Economic and Labour Relations Review*, 34(3): 413-425.

Johanna NEUHAUSER and Peter BIRKE (2023). [*Migration and labour unrest during the pandemic: Studies from Germany and Austria*](#). *The Economic and Labour Relations Review*, 34(3): 426-443.

Patrizia ZANONI and Miłosz MISZCZYŃSKI (2023). [*Post-diversity, precarious work for all: Unmaking borders to govern labour in the Amazon warehouse*](#). *Organization Studies*, Online First

Maurizio, ATZENI and Lorenzo, CINI (2023). [New theories and politics for working class organizing in the gig and precarious world of work](#). *Economic and Industrial Democracy* Online First.

Tom COWAN, Stephen CAMPBELL and Don KALB (2023). [Theorising peripheral labour: Rethinking ‘surplus populations’](#). *Focaal: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology* Issue 97.

Ingrid, LANDAU, John HOWE, J., Trang Thi Kieu TRAN, Petra MAHY, & Carolyn SUTHERLAND (2023). [Regulatory pluralism and the resolution of collective labour disputes in Southeast Asia](#). *Journal of Industrial Relations* 65(4), 472-496.

Pablo, PÉREZ AHUMADA and Gino OCAMPO (2023). [Labour disputes in contexts of trade union fragmentation and pluralism: An empirical analysis of the case of Chile](#). *International Labour Review* 162(3): 459–480.

Wei WEI, Jörg NOWAK and Steve ROLF (2023). [Leapfrog logistics: digital trucking platforms, infrastructure, and labor in Brazil and China](#). *Review of International Political Economy*, Online First

Volume 1 No. 11 of the journal *Workers of the World: International Journal on Strikes and Social Conflict* now [available here](#).

Reports

Kim SCIPES. 2023. [The International Trade Union Movement: Where It’s Been, Where It’s Going](#). Article for special issue on “The International Trade Union Movement: Past, Present, Future.” *International Union Rights*, Trade Union Centre of London, August 23.

Simon BLACK and Lauren MARSH. 2023. [Achieving Decent Work for Domestic Workers in Jamaica: Progress and Prospects Seven Years After the Ratification of the Domestic Workers Convention](#), 2011 (No. 189).

Call for Papers: Special Issue

ILR Review Special Issue on ‘[Public, Private, and Social Labor Governance in Global Production: Connections, intersections, and spillovers across arenas and issue fields](#)’.

Deadline for submission of abstracts (about 1000 words): 17 December, 2023.

Authors will be notified in January 2024 if their abstract has been accepted for presentation at a workshop in spring (North America) 2024. A subset of authors will be asked to submit their papers to the *ILR Review* in fall 2024, with the expectation that their papers will be published in a special issue if they pass the external review process. Papers that are deemed of good quality but not selected for the special issue may be considered for publication in a regular issue of the

journal. Prospective contributors are urged to consult any of the guest editors regarding preliminary proposals or ideas for papers (see link above).

Work, Employment and Society Special Issue on ‘[The organization and mobilization of “unusual suspects”](#): Precarious work, informalization and labour organisations.’

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 31 Jan 2024

Deadline for submission of full papers (if invited): 5 Sep 2024

The special issue welcomes research articles (10,000 words). We also welcome Book Reviews (800 words) and On the Front Line articles (5000 words). On the Front Line pieces offer a “voice to the worker” conveying sociological insight into the contemporary realities of work and employment. All On the Front Line articles can be found on the journal’s website for reference. The guest editors invite abstracts for papers along with a biographical note about the authors in the first instance. The guest editors will review the abstracts and invite a selection to submit full papers to the journal for the normal WES peer review processes. Papers selected after full peer review will be published in the special issue. To be considered, please submit an abstract (300-400 words) and a biographical note to selina.hisir@britsoc.org.uk.

Work Organisation, Labour & Globalisation Special Issue on ‘[New Worlds of Logistical Labour – spaces, places, technologies, workers.](#)’

Deadline for submission of full papers: 1 March, 2024.

This special issue aims to assemble papers located at the interface between studies of work, labour and the evolving field of critical logistics. It intends to address the core question: what exactly is *new* about ‘new’ work and labour in logistics? The special issue will be edited by Tom Barnes (Australian Catholic University), Christopher O’Neill (Monash University, Australia) and Lauren Kelly (RMIT University, Australia). Questions about the special issue, including the suitability of potential papers, can be directed, in the first instance, to tom.barnes@acu.edu.au. Papers should be submitted to the editor: ursulahuws@analyticapublications.co.uk

Call for Papers

The section of Work, Organization and Economics (WOE) for *Sociology Compass* is now commissioning review articles for 2024 and will highly welcome contributions made by members/supporters of ISA RC44. *Sociology Compass* publishes peer-reviewed, clearly-written articles that summarize the state of a sub-field for both specialist and non-specialists. Please consider submitting a review article to discuss any specific research issues and/or general theme of labor movements which might be of interest to specialists as well as non-specialists. Most articles are invited submissions (subjected to two peer reviews). Authors should write succinct (around 5,000 words) and accessible overviews that make an argument. You can find *Sociology Compass* online at www.sociology-compass.com. In case you have any query on this call for papers, please feel free to contact the section editor, Prof Byoung-Hoon Lee (bhlee@cau.ac.kr).

Call for Abstracts: Conference

[6th International Association Strikes and Social Conflicts \(IASSC\) Conference](#)
‘Strike Activity in the 21st Century: Implications of the Recent Global Upsurge’

Deadline for submission of abstracts: November 10, 2023

Conference Date: Feb 5-7, 2024
Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

Panel on '[Platform Workers in the Global South: The role of state and workers' organisation](#)' at **Association for the Anthropology of Social Change and Development (APAD) Colloquium.**

Organisers: Chris King-Chi CHAN, Eric FLORENCE, Jack QIU
Deadline for submission of abstract proposals: November 15, 2023
Conference Date: May 22-24, 2024
Venue: Liège, Belgium

News articles

Kohler, Alan 2023. '[The absence of strikes in Australia is not healthy](#)' *The New Daily*, 11 October.
Ovetz, Robert 2023. '[Screenwriters put a leash on AI](#)' *The Chief*, 18 October.
Ovetz, Robert 2023. '[We need organizing, not card check](#)' *The Chief*, 3 October.

Job posts

The Department of European and International Studies at King's College, London (KCL) is recruiting a [permanent Lecturer in Politics](#). The post is open in terms of theoretical and methodological approach or research topic within the field of Politics, with research expertise on China and/or the United States individually or from a comparative perspective. The post holder is expected to contribute to the delivery of the BAs in European Politics and European Studies and the MAs in International Political Economy and European Studies, and the BA in International Relations to which the department contributes. The post holder will contribute to research-led teaching and supervision at UG, PGT and PGR levels, contribute to advancing the department's research culture, and work well with others in the department and across the School and Faculty. **Closing date: 6 November, 2023.**

The Department of Global Labor and Work, Cornell University, [invites applications](#) for a tenure-track assistant professor position in U.S. labor and working-class history to begin August 2024. We are interested in social and political historians whose scholarship engages questions of work, inequality, the economy, or political and working-class cultures. We define labor history very broadly, including both free and unfree forms of labor as well workers' experiences in their jobs, organizations, and/or communities, or how their labor intersects with questions of citizenship, class, race/ethnicity, indigeneity, disability, and gender and sexuality, among other possible areas of inquiry. Some background in comparative non-US history is a plus but is not necessary. The ILR School is the world's leading college focused on work, employment and labor issues. Information about the ILR School is available at www.ilr.cornell.edu. Our faculty includes leading scholars from a number of disciplinary backgrounds who study a broad range of issues related to labor, employment and organizations. This job is based at Cornell University's campus in Ithaca, NY. We will begin reviewing applications as they arrive and no later than December 1, 2023. Questions about this position should be directed to Professor Ileen DeVault, Search Committee Chair, at iad1@cornell.edu.

Social media

Kim SCIPES 2023. [Organising to save the world: Building organisations from the ground up](#). *Green Social Thought* 16 October.

Kim SCIPES 2023. [Special History Series: 40 Years of the United States in the World, 1981-2023](#). *Z Network*, August 22.

News and announcements

Please [check out the program](#) for the International Conference organised by ADAPT in collaboration with the CIELO Laboral Network and the World Employment Confederation (WEC): ‘Towards a workless society? An Interdisciplinary Reflection on the Changing Concept of Work and its Rules in Contemporary Economies. 30 Nov – 2 Dec, 2023, Bergamo, Italy. More information also [available here](#).

Please [check out the seminar program](#) of the Centre for the Study of Social and Global Justice (CSSGJ) for the forthcoming Autumn (northern hemisphere) semester 2023. Participation is free, but please register via the link for the various talks, which will be held on Zoom. As CSSGJ is self-financed, small donations when booking a ticket are very welcome, but not expected. CSSGJ is fully independent from any University to operate outside the increasingly narrow constraints and intense disciplining of formal Higher Education in the UK. In order to support this initiative and become part of this intellectual experiment, CSSGJ has now a [membership option](#). Membership fees are £25 per year. A concessionary rate of £10 per year is available for students, retirees, unwaged people, and those outside Europe and North America. Recordings of past seminars, Andy Higginbottom’s lecture series on Marx – Capital Vol.1, and Alan Simpson’s Avoiding the Apocalypse – Climate Emergency lectures can all be accessed on the [Centre’s Youtube channel](#).

[Applications accepted](#) for Masters’ program MS ILR – Labor Research and Policy at the ILR School, Cornell University. A 2-year masters’ degree program that prepares students for careers in US and global labor, policy, and non-governmental organisations. MS students work closely with ILR faculty to develop research skills critical for analysing challenges and their solutions in today’s world of work. Book for a [forthcoming information session](#) on 10 November, 2023.

(1) 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’).

(2) Items for this 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. Items/news can be posted to this list or sent directly to tom.barnes@acu.edu.au.

(3) 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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