



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

Message from RC44 Vice-President for Communications:

Kindly note the following:

- (1) As 2023 draws to a close, we have made some additions in our approach to social media. As well as our existing presence on [Twitter/X](#) and [Facebook](#), we now have a [LinkedIn page](#) and a presence on Blue Sky Social (our handle is @labourrc44@bsky.social). Please note that the latter is an invite-only platform. (You need an invite code to set up an account. I have some if you want to join, so please contact me if you want one!) For those on these sites, please follow and promote us! (More information about our new website will be provided early in the new year.)
- (2) 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').
- (3) This is the last newsletter for 2023. The next newsletter will come out on 1 February 2024. 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, etc.
- (4) You don't have to wait until February if you have items to announce. Members of this e-list can post announcements directly (or send them to tom.barnes@acu.edu.au).
- (5) Please ask if you have any questions about the newsletter. I hope colleagues, comrades and friends enjoy their December and January. Sending solidarity and best wishes to all our followers and supporters for 2024! 😊

Publications

Book Chapter

Jenny CHAN. (2023) '[Informalization of labor in contemporary China.](#)' pp. 591-601 in *Handbook of Research on the Global Political Economy of Work*, edited by Maurizio Atzeni, Dario Azzellini, Alessandra Mezzadri, Phoebe Moore and Ursula Apitzsch. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing

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

Mark ANNER, Matthew FISCHER-DALY, and Matthew MAFFIE (2023). [Fissured employment and network bargaining: Emerging employment relations dynamics in a contingent world of work](#). *ILR Review*, 74(3), 689-714.

David C. JORDHUS-LIER and N.M. COE (2023) [The roles and intersections of constrained labour agency](#). *Antipode* Online First, published 16 November 2023.

Neethi P. and Deeksha RAO (2023) [Memory, identity and deindustrialization: Reflections from Bygone Millscaapes of Bangalore, India](#). *Development and Change* Online First, published 29 November 2023.

Sabrina PERRA and Katia PILATI (2023) [Political, general or economic strikes? New types of strikes and workers’ contention](#). *Partecipazione e Conflitto*, 16(2): 234-251.

Katia PILATI and Sabrina PERRA (2023) [Economic and political strikes: a social movement unionism hypothesis](#). *Socialism & Democracy* Online First, published 27 October 2023

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

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.

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

VII International Conference on '[Social Boundaries of Work: Critical Labour Studies in a Time of Polycrisis](#)'.

Organisers: Institute of Sociology, University of Wrocław

Deadline for submission of abstracts: March 1, 2024. (Thematic group proposals may also be submitted by January 15, 2024.)

Conference Date: October 16-18, 2024

Venue: Wrocław, Poland

News articles

Ovetz, Robert 2023. '[UAW strike was a winning strategy](#)' *The Chief*, 14 November.

News and announcements

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

1 Dec 2023