

Newsletter

May 2025

This month, there are several important announcements regarding the forthcoming 5th ISA Forum of Sociology in Morocco, as well as calls to support our flagship publication, *Global Labour Journal*. You will also note below that the new issue of *GLJ* is out now.

Important announcements

Program for 5th ISA Forum of Sociology out now

Dear RC44 members,

The program for the 5th ISA Forum of Sociology is now [available online](#). You can access it through the ISA website. Please review it carefully. Our sessions are in the Faculty of Legal, Economic, and Social Sciences, mostly (but not all) in Bloc 3.

Also, please put the RC44 Business Meeting in your diary. It's scheduled for Thursday, 10 July 2025, at 19:00 in ASJE02. We would be looking to have a relatively short meeting and then adjourning for an RC dinner (details on the latter to be finalised).

The ISA website provides useful information regarding accommodation options, travel arrangements, and visa requirements, if you've not already sorted these things out:

<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/rabat-2025/5th-isa-forum-planning-your-trip>.

We look forward to seeing you in Rabat!

Best wishes,

Jörg Nowak (VP-Program) and Michele Ford (President)

Urgent! Support *GLJ*'s inclusion in WOS ranking

We reiterate an urgent announcement made in March to sign a petition opposing the exclusion of the journal from rankings by Clarivate. Unfortunately, **very few people have signed the petition so far**. Please take a couple of minutes to sign and circulate it widely!

Support the ranking of the Global Labour Journal!!

GLJ is currently listed under the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI). Clarivate has stopped upgrading ESCI journals to the WOS main catalogue since the introduction of the Journal Impact Factor (JIF) in 2022. This has prevented GLJ from achieving higher visibility despite a strong JIF corresponding to a Q2 rank.

Published by McMaster University Press, part of the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CKNW), GLJ is seeking support to urge CKNW to negotiate with Clarivate. We ask you to [sign and circulate the petition](#) to help ensure the journal's future.

Call for Junior Editors: Join the *GLJ* board

GLJ is looking to appoint 2–3 Junior Editors. The journal is fully open access, run by and for labour scholars globally. Its Journal Impact Factor was 1.3 in 2023 (2.2 over five years). Based at McMaster University in Canada, it is the flagship journal of RC44 Labour Movements and the Global Labour University (GLU).

Junior Editors will:

- Join the board and receive mentorship;
- Help manage the publication pipeline and board meetings;
- Copy-edit and prepare journal issues;
- Assist in communications and promotional work.

Positions are voluntary and pro bono, requiring 10–15 hours/month. Applicants should be proficient in English, engaged in labour research, hold at least a Masters degree, have organisational and editing experience. **Applications are due by 15 June 2025** (midnight CET). Apply [at this link](#).

Publications

Books

Panos THEODOROPOULOS (2025) [The Precarious Migrant Worker: The socialization of precarity](#). Polity Press.

Liam BYRNE (2025) [No Power Greater: A history of union action in Australia](#). Melbourne University Press.

Book Chapters

Tilly, Chris (2025) 'Three windows on decent work: Theories of labour relations.' In: Moore, M., Scherrer, C. and van der Linden, M. (eds.) *The Elgar Companion to Decent Work and the Sustainable Development Goals*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, pp. 260-273.

Journal Articles

Global Labour Journal

May 2025 (Vol. 16, No. 2) – **New issue just released!!**

This quarter includes an important editorial on the future of the journal, including an acknowledgement of the important work of outgoing managing editor, Claire Ceruti. The new issue includes papers on the regulation of labour standards in Brazil's garment supply chain, on life and labour in the planetary social factory, on labour, ethics and AI, as well as social reproduction and women's union militancy, and free trade, tariffs and the US labour movement. Contributors include: Mariela Cambiasso, Katiuscia M Galhera, Vincenzo Maccarrone, Scott Martin, Francesco Sabato Massimo, Alessandra Mezzadri, Angelo Moro, Beltran Roca, William Tilleczeck and João Paulo Veiga.

Please note: The *International Labour Review*, journal of the International Labour Organisation, is now free access via [this portal](#).

S. MILLS, FOLEY, W., & YANG, N. (2025). [Between inclusion and disconnection: LGBTQ Workers and the challenge of union renewal](#). *Journal of Industrial Relations*. Online First.

C. TILLY (2024). [Informal work in the United States: Informalization, immigration, and entrepreneurship at work](#). *Trimestre Económico*, 91(4): 765–807 (also available in Spanish and Portuguese).

A. RAY and JOHN, A. (2025). [A new politics of welfare? Gig and platform workers' unions in India](#). *Competition and Change*. Online First.

T. HAIPETER (2025). [Trade union organising and white-collar workers in the manufacturing sector: A comparative analysis of three European countries](#). *Economic and Industrial Democracy*. Online First.

K. SCIPES (2025). [Looking Ahead: US Unions Must Look Beyond Themselves to Save Themselves](#). *Class, Race and Corporate Power* 13(1)

Q. WANG and CHURCHILL, B. (2024). [Risky business: How food-delivery riders understand and manage safety](#). *Journal of Sociology*. Online First.

Call for Papers

Journal

Workers of the World journal invites submissions for the upcoming themed issue, [Education, what, for whom, how?](#) Education has been at the centre of some of the most important debates in recent years. Words and expressions such as *burnout*; students' mental health pathologies; workers' "blackout" and inadequate training; teacher shortages; digital "teaching"; have spread

to the “common sense” lexicon. In parallel, a new wave of strikes, from Chicago to South Africa, from Amsterdam to Lisbon, has since 2008 put teachers’ struggles i.a. for public education in the forefront of social movements, in what seems to be a trend toward a global response to the degradation of public services in the era of declining capitalism. This dossier invites all teachers, struggle collectives, researchers and scientists to reflect critically on education and propose solutions that are both a critical reflection on education and a proposal for transformative action. Submissions should be sent to workersoftheworld1848@gmail.com. **Deadline:** 15 July 2025

Conferences

The **Radboud University Network on Migrant Inclusion (RUNOMI)** is hosting the upcoming **IMISCOE Research Network** event in collaboration with **Centre of Migration Research**, **13-14 November 2025, Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands**. In line with this occasion, the organizers invite submissions for the conference: “Labor Markets and the “Migrant Worker” in Light of Technological Transformation: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue.” Interested scholars are asked to submit their abstracts by **June 22, 2025** to runomi@ru.nl with the subject line “Labor markets and the migrant worker conference.” Selected papers will be informed within two weeks and authors will be asked to submit their full papers by September 15, 2025 in order to best facilitate the discussion.

Announcements

Conferences

La politica di Big Tech: dall’Amazon-capitalism al tecno-autoritarismo? Vi aspettiamo il 9 e 10 giugno a Bologna per un seminario di approfondimento sulla torsione autoritaria delle Big Tech. Dove: Sala Rossa, Via Azzo Gardino 32, Bologna.

https://www.intotheblackbox.com/events/seminario-la-politica-di-big-tech/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_source_platform=mailpoet

Seminar

Launch of results from a 3.5-year project on Just Transition in 14 countries: ‘Global perspectives on labour, climate policy and just transition’. Co-organised by Hans Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf & European Trade Union Institute, Brussels, in collaboration with the Leeds University Business School’s (LUBS) Ideas in Practice seminar series. Seminar hosts: Vera Trappmann, Professor of Comparative Employment Relations at Leeds University Business School; Dennis Eversberg, Professor of Environmental Sociology at Goethe University, Frankfurt/Main. Date: 5 June 2025 | Location: Brussels/Hybrid. To register, please visit the [seminar webpage](#).

Reminders

(1) RC44 has a Bluesky account ([@labourrc44.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/@labourrc44.bsky.social)), and we are continuing with our presence on Twitter/X for the time being. Please follow us there, as well as on our recently

established [LinkedIn page](#) or [Facebook](#) (which we will look to resurrect ASAP).

(2) 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. Send any items to tom.barnes@acu.edu.au. The deadline for the next newsletter is 30 June.

(3) A 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.

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In solidarity,

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

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