

## Newsletter

July 2025

This month, there are announcements regarding the recent 5<sup>th</sup> ISA Forum of Sociology in Rabat, Morocco, new publications, as well as a major new job opportunity in Hong Kong.

## Important announcements

### RC44 participation at the 5<sup>th</sup> ISA Forum of Sociology

We had an excellent stream for RC44 at the [ISA Forum in Rabat](#), Morocco, during July. In total, RC44 hosted 23 panels, including a number of co-sponsored panels. Among these was a series of panels on Palestine and a tribute panel for Michael Burawoy. The program also included a very sociable RC44 dinner and two author meet critics sessions featuring the books of Jennifer Chun/Ju Jui Han, Cirila Quinteros and Marcel Paret.

## Publications

### Journal Articles

#### *Global Labour Journal*

May 2025 (Vol. 16, No. 2) –

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, Katiusia M Galhera, Vincenzo Maccarrone, Scott Martin, Francesco Sabato Massimo, Alessandra Mezzadri, Angelo Moro, Beltran Roca, William Tilleczek and João Paulo Veiga.

Erne, R., & Nowak, J. (2025). [Transnational socioeconomic protest in Europe since 1997: Reflecting greater horizontal market or vertical political integration pressures?](#) *European Journal of Industrial Relations* Online-first

- Kenny, B. (2025). [Exploiting the labour of logistics: circulation and the reproduction of racialised capitalism in Gauteng, South Africa](#). *New Political Economy*. Online-first
- Moody, K. (2025). [The end of lean production and what lies ahead for labor: The US experience](#). *Capital & Class*, Online-first
- Mrozowicki, A. (2025). [Critical labour studies and labour movements in the east of Europe: The Polish experiences](#). *Capital & Class*, Online-first
- Santana, M. A., & Nowak, J. (2025). [Connected in the struggle: Workers, social media and mobilizations in food delivery and road transport in Brazil](#). *Capital & Class*, Online-first
- Burtch, G., Greenwood, B., & Ravindran, K. (2025). [Lucy and the Chocolate Factory: Warehouse Robotics and Worker Safety](#). *ILR Review*, 78(4), 587-613.
- López, T., Jesnes, K., Alyanak, O. & Karlidağ, Z. (2025) [Building labour power in the platform economy: A comparative analysis of worker struggles in German and Norwegian food and grocery delivery](#). *New Technology, Work and Employment*, 40(2): 242–264
- Healy, J. & Pekarek, A. (2025) [The triangular relationship in platform gig work: Consumers, platform beneficence and worker vulnerability](#). *New Technology, Work and Employment*, 40(2): 265–284.
- Ofe-Grant, M. B., Ravenswood, K., & Macdonald, F. (2024). [Reframing approaches to workplace violence towards Pacific homecare workers in New Zealand and Australia](#). *Journal of Industrial Relations*, 67(3), 405-429.
- Delaney, H., Casey, C., & Fiedler, A. (2024). [Mobilising tensions: transnational union network formation in the Asia-Pacific region](#). *Journal of Industrial Relations*, 67(3), 430-452.
- Yasih, D. 2025. [Precarious Proletarians: Women Workers in the Javanese Heartland](#). *Journal of Agrarian Change* Online First.
- Pei, L. (2025). [Making a global gig workers' movement meaningful locally: Friction in activists' everyday strategies](#). *New Media & Society* Online First.

## Other Articles & Posts

- Kim Scipes (2025) '[We Are the Union: How Worker-to-Worker Organizing is Revitalizing Labor and Winning Big](#) by Eric Blanc: A book review essay.' *Z Network*, July 16.
- Kim Scipes (2025) '[Ten Days with the KMU of the Philippines; with implicit comparisons with the AFL-CIO of the United States](#).' *Countercurrents.org*, July 24.

# Call for Papers

## Conference

66<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Indian Society of Labour Economics, 19-21 January, 2026, Symbiosis School of Economics, Symbiosis International (Deemed) University, Pune, India. **Deadline** to submit abstracts/papers: 16 August 2025.

## Announcements

### Job Posting

#### **Postdoctoral Fellowship in Sociology, Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University**

The Department of Applied Social Sciences of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University is recruiting a Postdoctoral Fellow in Sociology. Initially a 2-year full-time employment contract, with an expected start date of 1 September 2025 (with possibility of renewal). The post is open in terms of theoretical and qualitative methodological approaches within the fields of sociology of labor, work and employment, social history, gender, and political economy, with specialism in China. Salary and benefits: highly competitive (commensurate with qualifications and experience). *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 (within 5 years after PhD conferral).

Please submit your research statement detailing your past and current academic projects, CV, and up to three writing samples (top-ranked peer-reviewed journal articles and/or forthcoming publications) to Dr Jenny Chan associate professor of sociology ([jenny.wl.chan@polyu.edu.hk](mailto:jenny.wl.chan@polyu.edu.hk)) by 18 August 2025 (end-of-day). Applicants only need to submit the contact information of their three referees. The shortlisted candidates will be notified by email.

### Seminar

Kim Scipes 'AFL-CIO: It's Time to End Its Government-funded Foreign Operations.' Institute for the Critical Study of Society, San Francisco Bay Area (by Zoom). July 20, 2025. Available on-line at <https://icssmarx.org/afl-cio-its-time-to-end-its-government-funded-foreign-operations-kim-scipes-july-20-2025-1030-am-pacific-time/>.

### 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](mailto:tom.barnes@acu.edu.au). The deadline for the next newsletter is 31 August.

(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](mailto:tom.barnes@acu.edu.au).

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In solidarity,

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

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