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Newsletter

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Publications

Book

Raúl Delgado Wise, Branka Likic-Brboric, Ronaldo Munck and Carl-Ulrik Schierup (ed.) (2024) [Handbook on Migration and Development: A Counter-hegemonic Perspective](#). Edward Elgar.

Note that Chapters 1, 22 and 24 can now be downloaded **for free**.

Book Chapter

Kim Scipes (2026) '[The Continuing Failure of the AFL-CIO Leadership](#)' in G. Nelson Bass, III (ed.) *Labor, Capitalism and Class Power* Brill: Leiden and Boston, pp. 133-157.

Journal Articles

[Global Labour Journal](#)

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This quarter's issue includes articles on the entertainment industry in Italy, labour regimes in Mexican call centres, organizing among ridesharing drivers, repression and the labour movement in Bangladesh, and reviews of three important new books.

Contributors: Hilary Goodfriend, Alana Gross, Thomas Klikauer, Leda M. Perez, Nicholas Pons-Vignon, Al Amin Rabby, Antonio Sanguinetti, Mirco di Sandro

Bieler, Andreas (2026) [Dissecting the Polycrisis, Charting the Conceptual Terrain of Enquiry](#), *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, Online First [If interested in copy, please contact the author.]

Pérez-Ahumada, Pablo, Daniela Olivares-Collío and Kevin Carrasco (2026) [The Conditioning Power of Class: Collective Action and Attitudes toward Inequality in Neoliberal Chile \(2016–2023\)](#). *Critical Sociology* Online First

Ibos, C. (2026) [The battle of the squares: When domestic workers protest](#). *Work Organisation, Labour & Globalisation*. Vol. 20(1): 78-95.

Rivers-Moore, M., & Hardy, K. (2026). [Organising Beyond the Employment Relationship: Scaling Up and Institutional Power in Own-Account Unions.](#) *Work, Employment and Society* Online First.

Tan, J., Luka, N., & Mazo, E. (2025). [Unlikely Organizers: The Rise of Tech Worker Labor Activism.](#) *ILR Review*, 79(2), 187-216

Doellgast, V., Kämpf, T., & Langes, B. (2026). [Building Worker Voice and Power in AI Decisions: Three Cases in the German ICT Industry.](#) *Work and Occupations*, Online First

Lind, R., Hennum Nilsson, K., Strauss, P., Quinlan, M., Brulin, E., Lee, M. K., & Håkansta, C. (2026). [\(Un\)healthy algorithms? Trade union, employer, and government action for safety and health in algorithmically managed work.](#) *The Economic and Labour Relations Review*, Online First

Li, A. K. (2026). [Expendable Workers: Food Delivery and Technopolitics in China.](#) *Science, Technology, & Human Values*, Online First

Alexeeva, A., Gold, M., & Rees, C. (2026). [Pathways to global worker representation: Three case studies in the metalworking sector.](#) *Economic and Industrial Democracy*, Online First

Zheng, X., Du, J., Xiang, Y., Long, L., & Xie, H. (2026). [Short-term fit, long-term trap: The career development lock of low-skilled gig workers.](#) *Human Relations*, Online First

Borello, A., & Hau, M. F. (2025). [Solidarity with and against: Exploring Group Identification among Precarious Migrant Workers.](#) *Sociology*, 60(1), 59-79.

Al James, Julie MacLeavy (2026) [Charting 25 years of labour geographies in JEG,](#) *Journal of Economic Geography*, Online First

Other announcements

On 28 January, 2026, Kim Scipes was an invited speaker on ‘Worldwide’ with Dr PL De Silva on the “Jesse Jackson, Jr., Show,” KBLA Radio AM1580, Los Angeles, CA. Available at <https://youtu.be/wSBisglSCmE>. Kim’s appearance focused on the events of communities resisting ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agents in Minneapolis in light of the widely reported killings of Renee Good and Alex Pretti.

Call for Papers

Conferences

‘Labor Rights in the 21st Century’: First Call for Presentation Proposals

In an increasingly precarious and divided world, where labor rights are widely being reduced and attacked, we promote the universality of labor rights and the need to expand and improve labor rights world-wide. Furthermore, we support the mandatory inclusion of labor rights in new emerging digital jobs, and the urgent need to foster a movement to implement international laws that benefit workers in all countries. Therefore, we call on activists, academics, politicians, union leaders, and workers to share their experiences and present their ideas at the International Conference "Labor Rights in the 21st Century," to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, on November 20, 2026. This first call for presentations will be open until **March 15, 2026**. Abstracts (as well as any questions) should be sent by email to Peter Rosing Bull of Proyecto Societas: isocietas@protonmail.com.

‘Derechos Laborales en el Siglo XXI’

En un mundo cada vez más precario y dividido, en donde los derechos laborales son cada vez más reducidos y atacados, promovemos la universalidad de los derechos labores y la necesidad de ampliar y mejorarlos. Además, exigimos la obligatoriedad de derechos laborales inclusivos con los nuevos trabajos emergentes y digitales y la urgencia de impulsar un movimiento para implementar leyes internacionales en beneficio de los trabajadores de y en todos los países. Por eso, convocamos a activistas, académicos, políticos, líderes sindicales y trabajadores interesados en compartir sus experiencias y presentar sus ideas en la Conferencia Internacional “Derechos Laborales en el Siglo XXI” que se llevará a cabo en la ciudad de Montevideo, Uruguay el 20 de noviembre de 2026. Publicación de la convocatoria: La primera convocatoria será publicada a partir del 1ro de noviembre de 2025 y estará abierta hasta el **15 de marzo de 2026**. Registro: Los resúmenes de ponencias deberán ser enviados por correo electrónico a Peter Rosing Bull de Proyecto Societas: isocietas@protonmail.com.

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 [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 31 March**.
- (3) Please 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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