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## Newsletter

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## Publications

### Book

Samuel R. Friedman (2026). [Teamster Rank and File: Power, Bureaucracy, and Rebellion at Work](#). Routledge, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Now available for pre-order.

### Book Chapters

Molina, I., Mulinari, D., & Neergaard, A. (2026). Introduction: Why Reproductive Racial Capitalism? Why Now? In I. Molina, D. Mulinari, & A. Neergaard (Eds.), [Racial Capitalism: In the Shadow of the Swedish Model](#) (pp. 1–30). Brill.

Mulinari, P., & Neergaard, A. (2026). Racial Capitalism, Swedish Trade Unions, and the Wages of Whiteness. In I. Molina, D. Mulinari, & A. Neergaard (Eds.), [Racial Capitalism: In the Shadow of the Swedish Model](#) (pp. 84–113). Brill.

Neergaard, A. (2026). The Trade Union Confederation, Neoliberalism and the Emergence of an Ethno-racist Sweden: Is Trade Union Anti-racism Possible? In I. Molina, D. Mulinari, & A. Neergaard (Eds.), [Racial Capitalism: In the Shadow of the Swedish Model](#) (pp. 290–320). Brill.

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

### Journal Articles

#### [Global Labour Journal](#)

January 2026 (Vol. 17, No. 1)

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

Veen, A., Barratt, T., Goods, C. and Baird, M. (2026), [‘Woeful Pay, But Still, I Enjoy It’: Refining Subjective Job Quality in Ride-Share Work](#). *New Technology, Work and Employment*, 41: 15-26

Woodcock, J. and Ruiner, C. (2026), [Work, Employment, and Resistance in Transportation Platforms: Theoretical Approaches, Empirical Insights, and Critical Reflections](#). *New Technology, Work and Employment*, 41: 27-32

Manky O.2026. [“Reimagining Work Security in Latin America's Platform Economy: Workers' Strategies Amid Urban Violence.”](#) *New Technology, Work and Employment*, 41: 33–44

Winton, A., Howcroft, D. and Rubery, J. (2026), [Sociotechnical Change in British Supermarkets: Examining the Role of Labour](#). *New Technology, Work and Employment*, 41: 45-56

Permana, M. Y.2026. [“A Typology of Labour Agency in the Gig Economy: Gig Drivers' Experiences of Struggle in Indonesia During the COVID-19 Pandemic.”](#) *New Technology, Work and Employment*41: 141–152

Herbert, C. R. (2026). [Do Unions Still Care about Class? Text Mining a Near-Century Decline of Class Rhetoric in a British Trade Union](#). *Sociology Online First*

Gonzalo Durán, [Trade union’s power and income distribution: Evidence from Chile](#), *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, Volume 50, Issue 2, March 2026, Pages 333–353

Gaillard, H., & Galière, S. (2026). [Resistance to economic exploitation or religious oppression? A sociomaterial analysis of the agency of Muslim food-delivery workers facing algorithmic management](#). *Organization*, 33(3), 325-350.

Levenson, Zachary, and MarcelParet. 2026. [“Excavating Early Burawoy: Toward a Third Position in the Race-Class Debates,”](#) *The British Journal of Sociology Online First*

## Article

Kim Scipes (2026) [The Idiocy of Donald Trump's War on Iran](#), *Countercurrents.org*, March 16.

## Events

### Webinar

Penn State Center for Global Workers’ Rights: China and Labor Webinar Series Presents: **Making it after factory work: Migrant Workers’ Livelihood Strategies and Precarity in the Chinese New Economy**

Speaker: Prof. Lu Zhang, Temple University, USA

Date: Friday, April 17, 2026

Time: 9:30–10:30 a.m. EST (3:30–4:30 p.m. CEST / 9:30–10:30 p.m. CST)

Zoom registration: <https://bit.ly/cgwr-chinalabor1>

More information: <https://ler.la.psu.edu/cgwr/china-and-labor-webinar-series/>

Over the last decade, China’s economic restructuring and industrial upgrading have led to a significant shift in the employment of rural migrant workers. This study examines migrant workers’ livelihood strategies and subjective experiences after leaving factories in China's new economy, in the context of China’s industrial restructuring, the rise of the platform-based gig economy, and rural revitalization. Drawing on interviews and ethnographic research conducted in two cities and one village in China, the author tells the stories of how migrant workers from diverse gender and age backgrounds have fared across urban and rural settings, and examines how their precarity is constructed, experienced, and dealt with in specific local and institutional contexts. Paying close attention to the role of the state, urban-rural connections, and land and livelihood struggles and their relationship to wage labor, the study aims to advance a contextualized, political economy approach to livelihoods in the study of Chinese migrant workers’ post-factory strategies and precarity, and provide a window into China’s socioeconomic transformations amid its shift in growth model, rural-urban integration, and changing geopolitical currents.

On 18 March, 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/0pEShCb5Duk>. Kim’s appearance focused on the US war on Iran.

## 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](mailto:tom.barnes@acu.edu.au). The **deadline for the next newsletter is 30 April**.
- (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](mailto:tom.barnes@acu.edu.au).

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

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