

# WOW - WORK IN THE WORLD

NEWSLETTER OF THE RC30

SOCIOLOGY OF WORK - SOCIOLOGIA DEL TRABAJO - SOCIOLOGIE DU TRAVAIL

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## SUMMARY

Welcome to WOW  
New Board (2023-2027)  
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Opportunities  
News of the Scientific World of Work



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Dear colleagues,

We are delighted to share with you the 10th issue of "Work in the World," the newsletter of the RC30! Inside, you'll find reflections on past events, updates on changes within the research committee's structure, information about upcoming events, useful links to new books, articles, and publication opportunities. We hope that this newsletter will serve as a platform for exchanging publications, news, plans, reports, and memories within our scientific community. We invite you to actively participate in shaping the content of our newsletter, expanding social contacts, and enriching each other with new ideas.

Estimados colegas,

Nos complace compartir con ustedes el décimo número de "Work in the World", el boletín informativo del RC30. Dentro encontrarán reflexiones sobre eventos pasados, actualizaciones sobre cambios dentro de la estructura del comité de investigación, información sobre eventos próximos, enlaces útiles a nuevos libros, artículos y oportunidades de publicación. Esperamos que este boletín sirva como plataforma para intercambiar publicaciones, noticias, proyectos, informes y recuerdos dentro de nuestra comunidad científica. Los y las invitamos a participar activamente del contenido de nuestro boletín, expandiendo los contactos sociales y enriqueciéndonos mutuamente con nuevas ideas.

Chers collègues,

Nous sommes ravies de partager avec vous le 10ème numéro de "Work in the World", le bulletin d'information du RC30 ! À l'intérieur, vous trouverez des réflexions sur les événements passés, des mises à jour sur les changements au sein de la structure du comité de recherche, des informations sur les événements à venir, des liens utiles vers de nouveaux livres, articles et opportunités de publication.

Nous espérons que ce bulletin servira de plateforme d'échange de publications, de nouvelles, de projets, de rapports et de souvenirs au sein de notre communauté scientifique. Nous vous invitons à participer activement à la formation du contenu de notre bulletin, à élargir les contacts sociaux et à enrichir mutuellement nos idées.

Maria Eugenia Longo (President),  
Guzel Baimurzina (Secretary),  
Ndeshi Namupala (Online Communication Manager)

# NEW BOARD (2023-2027)

We sincerely thank the former board for their work, experience, openness, and support for changes, which are fundamental to growth and development. Despite the official end of board membership, former members remain forever esteemed, respected, and valuable members of the community, thus allowing it to grow and expand. We wish Ya-Han CHANG (France), Alfredo HUALDE (Mexico), Constance PERRIN-JOLY (Ethiopia/France), Federica VIGANO (Italy) all the best in their future scientific careers, and look forward to continuing collaboration within various events and scientific projects, providing organizational and informational support within our growing scientific community, which often relies on informal connections and a lively interest in each other's research.

The board is a community of individuals who have taken on the responsibility to discuss and make important decisions regarding not only the functioning of RC30 but also the sustainable and qualitative development of the international research community in the field of Sociology of Work, enhancing its contribution to the global agenda in the field of labor and employment social policies. We sincerely admire and thank the courage and initiative of the new board members: Marco ALBERIO (University of Bologna, Italy), Dasten JULIAN VEJAR (Universidad Arturo Prat, Chile), Stéphane MOULIN (Université de Montréal, Canada), Rodrigo Salles Pereira dos SANTOS (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), Maria Cecilia TRIONFETTI (Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium).



# NEW BOARD (2023-2027)

We extend separate gratitude to Delphine MERCIER (President of RC30 in 2014-2018) and Flora BAJARD (RC30 Secretary in 2018-2023) for their professionalism and dedicated efforts in past terms. Delphine MERCIER, a passionate researcher and wonderful friend, has made a significant contribution to creating a strong creative team and a friendly atmosphere within it, despite the multinational composition and multicultural environment.

Flora BAJARD diligently maintained communication, with sensitive and respectful treatment of each committee member, providing informational support throughout the committee's activities for many years, including the development and editing of RC30's newsletters. We are pleased that they have remained among the board members for 2023-2027.



Congratulations to María Eugenia LONGO on her re-election as President of RC30, and we believe that under her leadership, many interesting and significant projects will be implemented, uniting and enriching us and our research.

Congratulations to Guzel BAIMURZINA (Russia) on becoming the Secretary and Ndeshi NAMUPALA (Namibia) on taking on the role of Online Communications Manager, and we wish them success.

To see the full list of board members and regional coordinators, please visit [the official page](#) of RC30 at ISA.



# CALENDAR & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## V ISA Forum of Sociology

July 7 - 11, 2025

is to be held in Rabat, Morocco  
(for details press this [link](#))



## XXI ISA

### World Congress of Sociology

July 4 – 10, 2027

is to be held in Gwangju, Korea  
(for details press this [link](#))

## Dear members of RC30!

You can always share  
information on  
scientific events here



# SOCIOLOGY OF WORK PAST EVENTS

## ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY RC<sub>30</sub> AND ITS MEMBERS

June, 26 – July,1 (2023)

### The XX ISA World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne

RC30 presented 23 scientific sessions on various theoretical, methodological and applied problems of Sociology of work at the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology. One of the first sessions was dedicated to the current and topical issues of work and employment in Australia and Oceania, that were exposed by invited specialists from the hosting country.

In general, the conference program was designed to address a wide range of issues: global, regional, transnational and national, as well as local challenges of sociology of work, issues of blurring the boundaries between work and non-work, manifestations precarious employment, vulnerability, inequality and exploitation on the one hand, and searched for best practices and theoretical possibilities for ensuring social protection of workers in modern conditions etc. The researchers discussed the transformation of industrial relations, digital rationalization and the impact of the economics of marketplaces, the emergence of new forms of labor organization, the specifics of relationships in multicultural work contexts, post-pandemic changes in working conditions and other problems. A section was devoted to understanding care work in a context of crisis.

World of work covers a wide range of issues related to education, migration, gender, economic structure, social movements, aging of the working population, etc. These interrelations were under the focus at 9 joint sessions with 8 different Research Committees, that allowed to exchange opinions, methodology and even organizational practices (i.e. session design). In total, 105 oral presentations and 5 distributed papers were selected. Two thirds of the reports were presented in person, and only a third virtually.



You are welcome to view the event pictures in the photoalbums through the links below:

[RC30 Melbourne23 Album](#)

[ISAWCS23 Shared Album](#)



## September, 27 (2023)

**Dasten Julian VEJAR**, Doctor of sociology Friedrich Schiller Universität de Jena (Germany), Academic and researcher of the Institute of History in Social Sciences of the Austral University of Chile, Delegate for Latin America and the Caribbean of the RC30, organized and took part in the 3rd meeting of the Cycle of Debates on Labor and Employment (2nd edition) titled **«Labor Precarities, Feminisms, and Subjectivities»**. The purpose of this event was to reflect on the current situation in the world of work, politics, and the struggle of women in Argentina and Latin America.

Link to view the event: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGFoMhs84USa21AT1f1112A>

## December, 12 (2023)

The virtual conference **«Labor precariities and neoliberal subjectivities»** was organized by the Latin American Network of Studies on Labor Precariities (RELEPT) and supported by RC30. The event had the objective to discuss the relationships and ways of collective reflection that might be developed between the precariousness of work and neoliberal subjectivities among workers; the possibility of rise of the (ultra)right from the cleavages of a new historical conjuncture that transforms the destruction of labor and social rights into its inverse: entrepreneurship; the problems of conserving collective solidarity under the conditions of individualizing ties, etc.

Link to access additional information about the event and the network: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGFoMhs84USa21AT1f1112A>

## December, 12-15 (2023)

**Dr. Delphine MERCIER**, Director of research at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), researcher at Maison Francaise D'oxford and Aix Marseille Universite, Ex-president of the RC30, conducted a cycle of scientific events in Universidad Bahia Blanca and Universidad Mar Del PLata, Argentina:

Conference: **«Transnational labor markets and offshoring in the turbulent return of the frontiers»** (December, 12);

Conversatorio (round table meeting): **«Transformations in the world of work in the XXI century»** (December, 13);

Seminar: **«Borders at work: migration, work, globalization. Transdisciplinary research in Argentina and France»** (December, 14).

CONFERENCIA

**Mercados laborales transnacionales y deslocalización en el turbulento retorno de las fronteras**

A CARGO DE LA DRA. DELPHINE MERCIER

Martes 12/12  
17 h

Auditorio del Centro Histórico Cultural de la UNS  
Rondeau 29, Bahía Blanca

Logos: APBASSADE DE FRANCE EN ARGENTINE, INSTITUT FRANÇAIS, Maison Française d'Oxford, UNS, and others.

DEPARTAMENTO DE ECONOMÍA  
UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DEL SUR

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INSTITUT FRANÇAIS

CONVERSATORIO

**“Transformaciones en el mundo del trabajo en el siglo XXI. Investigaciones transdisciplinarias en Argentina y Francia”**

Disertante: Prof. Delphine Mercier es socióloga e investigadora (Directora de investigaciones) del Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) y de la Maison Française d'Oxford

Miércoles 13/12, 10 hs. Requiere inscripción previa.

Sala de usos múltiples (SUM) del Depto de Economía-Instituto de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales del Sur (IESS CONICET-UNS), Complejo Pailhue.

economia.uns.edu.ar @economiauns

Seminario

**“Fronteras en el trabajo: migración, trabajo, globalización”**

**Delphine Mercier**  
(Socióloga, Investigadora en Maison Française d'Oxford, y Aix Marseille Université)

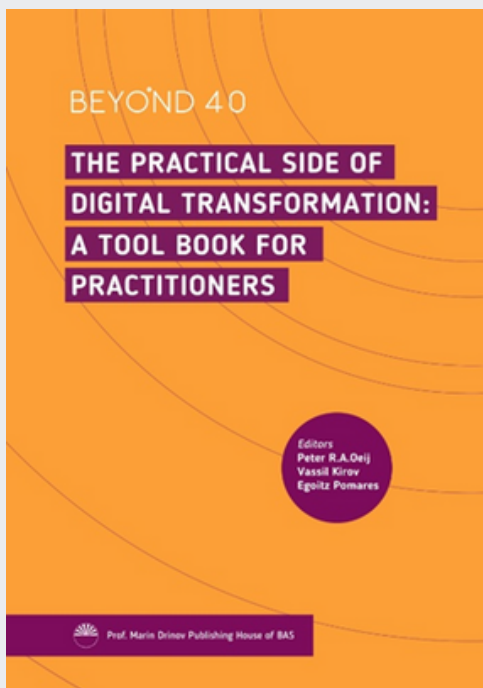
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# RC<sub>30</sub> MEMBERS' LATEST PUBLICATIONS

## Books:

Peter R.A. Oeij, Vassil Kirov, Egoitz Pomares Editors (2023). THE PRACTICAL SIDE OF DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION: A TOOL BOOK FOR PRACTITIONERS. Sofia. 2023; Prof. Marin Drinov Publishing House of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.



Abstract: The European comparative research project BEYOND 4.0 studied the situations of twelve ecosystems in six countries, and of 30 companies, with the intention to understand the development of digital transformation and its socio-economic consequences, i.e. the economic and social effects on inclusive economic growth. The purpose of the present Tool book on inclusive R&D&I Policy is to transform the findings, insights and experiences into a tool book for practitioners about digital transformation that respects inclusiveness.

A tool book implies step-by-step plans to arrive at innovative digital transformation and inclusive growth. This publication covers practical approaches for policy-makers, practitioners and consultants working at the level of regions (i.e. ecosystems) and companies. Since regions and companies are unique entities with specific circumstances, the presented innovation approaches are of course no cut-and-dried solutions, but guidelines for the targeted practitioners.

To download as an ebook: [https://press.bas.bg/bg/eBooks-105/show-106\(61\)](https://press.bas.bg/bg/eBooks-105/show-106(61))

To download as a pdf:

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/371225571\\_THE\\_PRACTICAL\\_SIDE\\_OF\\_DIGITAL\\_TRANSFORMATION\\_A\\_TOOL\\_BOOK\\_FOR\\_PRACTITIONERS](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/371225571_THE_PRACTICAL_SIDE_OF_DIGITAL_TRANSFORMATION_A_TOOL_BOOK_FOR_PRACTITIONERS)

Araneda, A., Basualdo, V. y **Julián-Vejar, D.** (2023). Trabajo y Luchas sociales en América Latina. La pandemia y sus implicancias laborales y sociopolíticas LOM Ediciones. Santiago, Chile.

Descripción. En América Latina hemos atravesado en las últimas décadas una ola de políticas orientadas a la flexibilización del trabajo, así como una serie de reformas laborales que muestran un cambio en los instrumentos de regulación y de la institucionalidad laboral en el escenario global.

Por su parte, la pandemia generó importantes tendencias y cambios en la fisonomía del trabajo y las dinámicas de los actores laborales en países del Cono Sur de América Latina, por lo que aquí se consideran particularmente los casos de Brasil, Argentina, Uruguay, Perú y Chile. De conjunto, la pandemia se presenta como un laboratorio para la experimentación de políticas en el capitalismo, que se intercepta con la emergencia de protestas y movilizaciones sociales. La correlación de fuerzas presentes en los gobiernos de América Latina, así como las políticas de gestión de la crisis suponen una nueva oportunidad para redefinir la relación entre capital-trabajo.

Las y los lectores encontrarán aquí variados antecedentes sobre los contextos políticos, económicos y sociosanitarios en que se despliega el trabajo, así como elementos para comprender las propuestas de los gobiernos, la sociedad civil, las organizaciones no gubernamentales y los propios actores sociales y sindicales. Se revisan las dinámicas en materia de empleabilidad, informalidad, precariedad, trabajo en modalidad virtual, entre otros aspectos que caracterizan el escenario laboral en pandemia.

To purchase: <https://lom.cl/products/trabajo-y-luchas-sociales-en-america-latina-la-pandemia-y-sus-implicancias-laborales-y-sociopoliticas>

## Papers:

**Julián-Vejar, Dasten;** Alister, C. & Bustos, F. (2023). La precariedad en los estudios del trabajo en Chile. Una revisión bibliométrica del campo. Revista Estudios Sociológicos. Vol. 42. 1 - 24. <https://estudiossociologicos.colmex.mx/index.php/es/article/view/2337>

**Julián-Vejar, Dasten;** Alister, C. & Bustos, F. (2023) Los estudios del trabajo en América Latina. Identificación de temáticas y líneas de investigación (2001 - 2020). Vol. 52. 1 - 15. <https://www.izquierdas.cl/images/pdf/2023/52/art09.pdf>

**Favieri, Francisco Nicolás;** Campusano, Marina Noemi (2023). Rearmar la trayectoria sindical: Estudio sobre las carreras de dirigentes en sindicatos de servicios de San Juan, Argentina [Reassembling Trade Union Trajectory: A Study on the Careers of Leaders in Service Unions in San Juan, Argentina]. Población & Sociedad [en línea]. Vol. 30(2), 2023, pp. 1-30. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.19137/pys-2023-300203>





# RC30 IN SOCIAL MEDIA



**Bernard FUSULIER**, FNRS Research Director in Sociology at UCLouvain - Catholic University of Louvain, elucidates the importance of understanding the definition of work - the fundamental construct in Sociology of work.

**Qu'est-ce que le travail ?** La réponse peut paraître évidente, mais elle ne l'est pas. Le travail, cela peut être beaucoup d'activités, qui ne sont pas toutes reconnues de la même manière. C'est pourquoi il est important de le définir. C'est entre autres choses ce sur quoi portent les recherches de Bernard Fusulier, Directeur de recherches FNRS en sociologie à l'UCLouvain - Université catholique de Louvain.

To watch the video use the link or QR-code below:  
<https://youtu.be/Pqbrlf4SNao?si=o5JWmgiPAXLKBFDL>



# OPPORTUNITIES

## Call for review articles

for the section of Work, Organization and Economics in Sociology Compass.

The section of Work, Organization and Economics (WOE) in Sociology Compass is now commissioning review articles for 2024, and will highly welcome contribution made by colleagues of ISA RC30 (Sociology of Work). Sociology Compass publishes peer-reviewed clearly written articles that summarize the state of a sub-field for both specialist and non-specialists.

You are pleased to contribute a review article to discuss any specific research issues and/or general theme of work sociology that 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](http://www.sociology-compass.com).

**For the details**, please contact the section editor, **Byoung-Hoon LEE**, Emeritus Professor at the Department of Sociology, Chung-Ang University: [bhlee@cau.ac.kr](mailto:bhlee@cau.ac.kr)

## Call for Papers for Special Issue

### *British Journal of Industrial Relations*

This British Journal of Industrial Relations Special Issue invites contributions that apply comparative perspectives on **Technological Change, Power, and Work**, with a focus on Europe and North America (specifically the USA and Canada). The Special Issue is based upon two workshop sessions organized by Valeria Pulignano (KU Leuven) and Chris Tilly (UCLA) at the ILERA/LERA World Congress 26-30 June 2024.

Interested contributors will first submit a long abstract (max. 1,000 words, excluding references). The deadline for submitting the long abstract is **31 July 2024**. Long abstracts should be sent via email to the **Guest Editor (peter.turnbull@bristol.ac.uk)**. The Guest Editor will evaluate the abstracts and invite full papers from a subset of authors. The deadline for submission of full papers will be **28 February 2025**. All full papers will undergo double-blind review. Based on the blind reviews and editors' choice, a subset of invited papers will be selected for the Special Issue.

**For the details** see the link: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/uwc750knblj3idej1eoox/BJIR-CFP-Technological-Change-Power-and-Work.pdf?rlkey=55ee56hvo8qapluo2a7rvw9cs&dl=0>



# NEWS OF THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD OF WORK



The Research Committee on Sociology of work of The Russian Sociological Association supported the release of the collection of selected writings by Soviet and Russian scientist, **Tukumtsev Budimir Gvidonovich** (1927-2021), one of the former chairs of this research committee, the founder of the first sociological laboratory in Samara region of Russia, the author of the first theoretical and applied dictionary of sociology of work in Russia (2006). He was among the first sociologists who made a huge contribution to the formation and development of sociology of work in the USSR and contemporary Russia.

The collection consists of 37 selected articles considering labor relations as an object of sociological analysis, as well as the possibilities of a cultural approach to their study; motivation and involvement of employees in the activities of the organization; sociological analysis of innovation activity; standard of living of employees and measuring the level of labor poverty; methodology, methods and practical results of the Samara monitoring of the social and labor sphere. The appendix to the collection contains interviews with B.G. Tukumtsev, memories that reveal the extent and variety of his interests, and unexpected qualities of the scientist's personality.

V.Yu. Bocharov (editor), N.V. Avdoshina, Yu.V. Vaskina, S.G. Klimova Tukumtsev B.G., Budimir G. Tukumtsev: the best articles. Ed. by Bocharov V.Yu. - Samara : Samara University Press, 2023. - 648 p.

The link to read and download the book: <https://doi.org/10.18287/BGT1011927>



# WELCOME TO WOW!

WOW newsletter is a collaborative project of our committee. We cordially invite everyone to assist and participate in content creation and development of our newsletter. We appreciate your contributions, which may include:

- your brief scientific observations and notes related to the sociology of work
- news from your countries and regions with international significance and scientific value
- information about new publications, opportunities for participation in projects and publications
- details about upcoming conferences and scientific events, along with their outcomes
- interviews with notable scholars in the field of labor.

We invite new RC 30 members to introduce themselves on the pages of our newsletter. We are looking forward to receiving information on your background, scientific interests, and projects, preferably with photos and links to online resources.

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