

Call for Papers

**Interdisciplinary Lunch Time Seminar Series on “New World of Work? – Drivers of the Sectoral Economic Transformation & Implications for Social Policies.” (Virtual Seminar)**

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GERMAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL POLICY RESEARCH (DIFIS), RESEARCH FIELD 2 “CHALLENGES OF THE MODERN WORLD OF WORK”

Transformation of the world of work is on everyone's lips. Research in this field is now well established but fragmented and scattered across the various disciplines. The challenges and changes span employees, employers and their respective representatives, the structures of companies and businesses, the labour markets and regulation itself, the social security systems and their embedding framework. The newly emerging and existing employment patterns across various sectors present both opportunities and challenges for access to and coverage of the social protection systems. The emergence of new economic and ecological drivers, such as technological advancements, decarbonisation, (de-)globalisation, and shifting demographic patterns, necessitates critically examining their impacts on labour markets and their institutional framework, such as social policies. This interdisciplinary seminar series aims to foster a deeper understanding of these transformations and their implications for ensuring equitable access to social protection. The seminar, therefore, asks from a company and sectoral perspective which existing or new forms of social policy governance and regulation are (still) needed or need to be developed further to ensure that social protection is future-oriented and resilient.

**Call for Contributions**

We invite scholars and other experts from various disciplines to contribute their insights, research findings, and theoretical perspectives on the designated theme. Contributions can be in the form of presentations on ongoing or completed empirical research, theoretical papers, case studies, or reflective essays. We are open to a wide variety of methods and methodological approaches and welcome country comparisons as well as country studies also from outside Germany.

### Possible Topics Include, But Are Not Limited To:

- The transformation and its socio-economic impact on traditional and emerging sectors
- The role of policy in shaping equitable access to healthcare, unemployment benefits, and pension schemes in the wake of the transformation of the world of work and fluctuating economies
- Comparative analyses of sector-specific shifts and their implications for labour rights and protections
- The influence of demographic changes and migration patterns on the labour market and social security systems
- Strategies for integrating informal employment and new forms of self-employed persons into formal social protection frameworks
- Old and new inequalities in the wake of the transformation.
- Short vs. long-run effects of the transformation
- Transformation-related gender inequalities and its intersections with sectoral specificities
- Evaluations of policies which aim at transformation-related inequalities
- Examples of institutional experimentation in the wake of the economic transformation in other countries

### Seminar Objectives:

- **To explore the primary drivers of sectoral economic transformations**, including advancements in technology, environmental sustainability, shifts in global trade dynamics, and demographic changes.
- **To assess the impact of these transformations** on the existing sectoral employment types, wage structures, and job security.
- **To examine the role of social policies** in ensuring equal access to social protection for diverse populations within the new economic frameworks.
- **To discuss future-oriented forms of social policies** to learn from already existing and /or ongoing institutional experimentation in other countries.
- **To encourage interdisciplinary dialogue** among scholars from sociology, economics, political science, and other relevant fields.

### Format of Contributions:

Contributions should be prepared for a 30-minute presentation followed by 5 minutes of comments and questions by a designated discussant, finishing with a 25-minute Q&A session. Submissions should include a title, an abstract (400 words max), and a brief note on the presenter(s) affiliation(s).

### Submission Guidelines:

- **Abstract Submission Deadline: 15.09.2024.** Please ensure the extended abstract provides information on the background/motivation, the research question(s), the theoretical and methodological approach, data and policy conclusions.
- **Notification of Acceptance: 27.09.2024**
- Please submit your abstracts via email to [Transformation\\_SocPol\\_Seminar@difis.org](mailto:Transformation_SocPol_Seminar@difis.org).

### Seminar Details:

The exact schedule of presentations will be agreed with the speakers.

- **Frequency: Biweekly - Monthly**
- **Time: Thursdays, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**
- **Location: virtually via Zoom**
- **Series Start Date: 10.10.2024**

Seminars will be held virtually via Zoom on Thursdays (11 a.m. CET) during the winter semester, from 10.10.2024 to 20.03.2025.

Registration takes place on Eveeno, and you will receive a link to the Zoom session a few days before the online event.

Please register for each session individually. Further information on the sessions and details for registering will follow at the beginning of September 2024 and will be announced at the DIFIS webpage: <https://www.difis.org>

There are no participation fees.

### Contact

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