

Call for Participation

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

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.

The Contribution of the Seminar

The interdisciplinary lunch time seminar series brings together scholars and other experts from various disciplines who contribute their insights, research findings, and theoretical perspectives on the designated theme. Talks include 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.

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.

We look forward to exchanging ideas with you!

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We invite you to register at this [link](#).

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Current Schedule 2024		2025	
10 October	<p>Seminar 1: <i>Socio-Ecological Transformation of German Industry: Challenges for Trade Unions</i> Dr. Steffen Lehndorf Institut Arbeit und Qualifikation (Institute for Work, Skills and Qualification/IAQ), University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany</p>	09 January	<p>Seminar 4: Shift of Employment and Work Patterns in the Age of Generative AI? Employee’s Perceptions and Expectations in the Research and Development Area Dr. Paul- Fiete Kramer Dr. Anja Gerlmaier Institut Arbeit und Qualifikation (Institute for Work, Skills and Qualification/IAQ), University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany</p>
14 November	<p>Seminar 2: <i>Firm-Level Technology Adoption in Times of Crisis</i> Dr. Terry Gregory Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER), Luxembourg</p>	06 February	<p>Seminar 5: <i>tba</i> tba tba</p>
12 December	<p>Seminar 3: <i>Algorithmic Decision-Making in Service Work: An Analysis of Changing Job Autonomy</i> Dr. Gina Glock Technical University of Dresden/BAuA, Germany</p>	06 March	<p>Seminar 6: <i>Perceived Costs and Benefits of Participating in Further Training</i> Dr. Ute Leber Institute for Employment Research (IAB) of the German Federal Employment Agency (BA), Nuremberg, Germany</p>

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Seminar Series information

Organised by

German Institute for Interdisciplinary Social Policy Research (DIFIS), represented by the Institute for Work and Qualification (IAQ) at the University of Duisburg-Essen and the SOCIUM Research Centre on Inequality and Social Policy at the University of Bremen.

The event will take place virtually on Zoom. You will receive the access information by email after successful registration.

Organising Committee

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Registration Link

[LINK](#)

Registration opens two weeks before each seminar session.

Other Information

The seminar sessions are free of charge for all participants.

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