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TOWARDS INTERDISCIPLINARY THEORISING OF WORK IN THE PLATFORM ECONOMY

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Accelerating structural changes in the global economy - such as the platform economy - are assumed to greatly affect the nature of work. Academic research on this matter has been pursued in several fields (e.g. economics, organisation and management studies, social psychology, sociology, science and technology studies) with varying conceptual and theoretical premises. In spite of the plenitude of knowledge and valuable insights provided by these ongoing research activities, a comprehensive picture of the changes and with that, a groundbreaking theoretical understanding of the platform economy and the recent changes in working life is yet to emerge.

This stream invites ambitious and creative papers on possibilities to transcend conventional boundaries between disciplinary fields and fields of research in an effort to grasp a more comprehensive picture; that is to capture the essentials of the new kinds of work and their place in rapidly changing economies and societies.

If you wish to propose a session within the stream, that is, 3-4 papers tied together with specific focus or theme, the organizers will try to accommodate them in the programme.