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PLATFORM WORK – PLATFORM ECONOMY?

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The early part of the 21st Century has brought several significant changes in the global division of work and employment and through financialization, a closer immediacy between work, and its immaterial and material forms and the global economy. These set the pace and become highly visible e.g. in the ways the domestication of standards takes place through work practices and the ways global immediacy is present in localized and embodied work. In addition, new technologies of work and the material and immaterial outcomes of work are transforming the meanings of work. In the wake of the global financial crisis of 2008, many of the typical depictions concerning work and its future and its importance have been, to some extent, derailed. All these changes have had significant consequences not only for workers but also for the meanings of work, and give reason to ask whether we adequately understand the new meanings of work, given the complexity of the changes.

The stream especially welcomes papers that explore and relate to the themes described above. 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.