



Application

PhD Students and **early stage researchers** are welcome to apply for the summer school.

Applicants are asked to submit their **CV** (max. 2 pages), an **abstract of their PhD project** (max. 2 pages) and the **application form** to

costis1202@herts.ac.uk

The deadline for applications is **February 28, 2015**.

General Information

No participation fee is charged.

Students from [COST member countries](#) have the possibility to receive a flat rate **grant**.

4 ECTS credits will be given to participants.

Approx. 20 students will be accepted.

Organisers

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**COST-Action IS1202 - Dynamics of Virtual
Work:**

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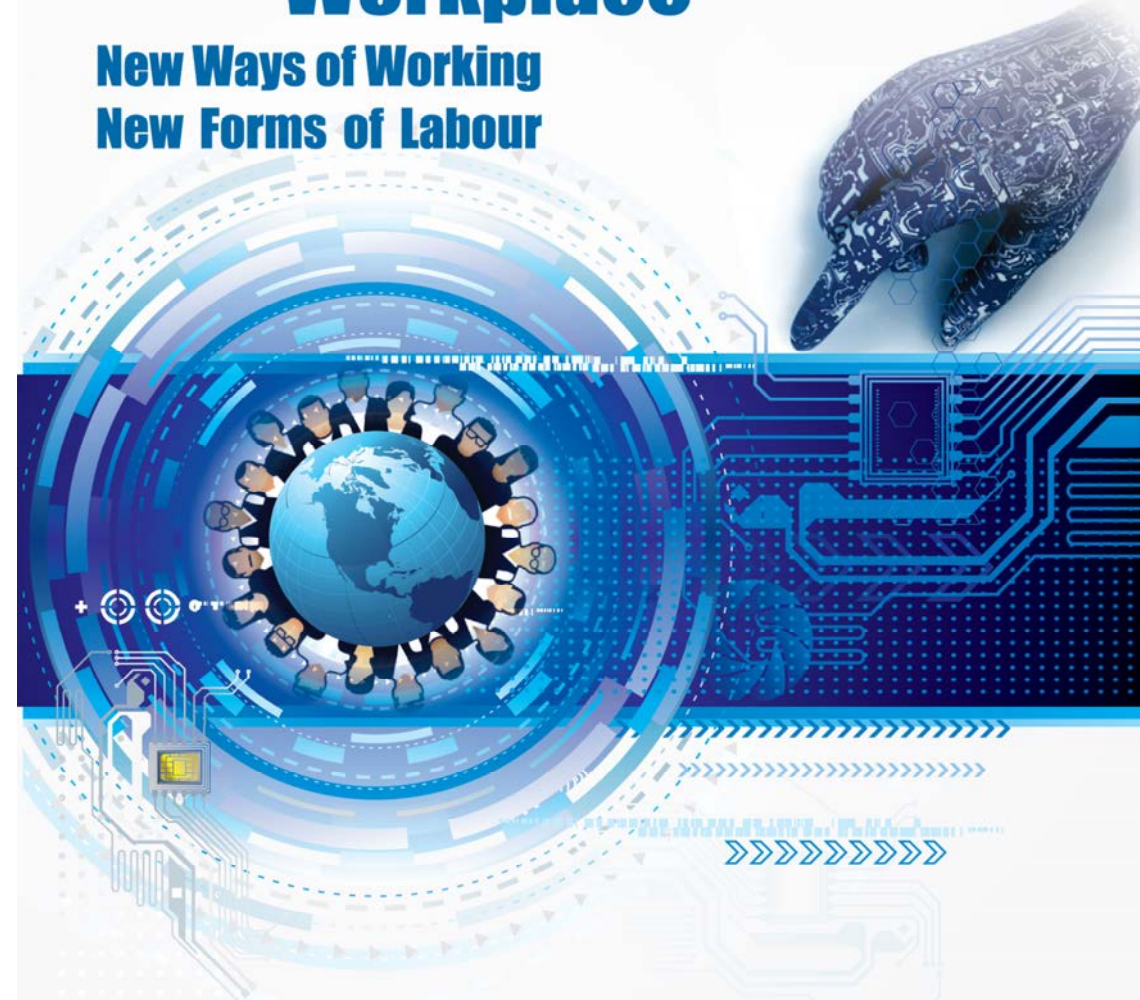
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The Global Digital Workplace

New Ways of Working New Forms of Labour



July 6 - 10, 2015
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Public Keynote Speeches
Ursula Huws, London
Saskia Sassen, New York

Marie Jahoda Summer School of Sociology

The Global Digital Workplace

New Ways of Working, New Forms of Labour

Two interrelated processes have transformed work and labour on a global scale: The wider reach of multinational corporations forming global value chains and the digitisation of information accompanied by the advances in information and communication technologies. They have contributed to new dynamics of job relocation, shifting international divisions of labour, new forms of cooperation over distance and new opportunities to integrate geographically distributed work processes. These changes have also brought forth entirely new types of 'digital' or 'virtual' labour, both paid and unpaid. The Marie Jahoda Summer School will explore recent developments of digital work and labour within corporations, along global value chains and over the internet. In this context new questions arise. How are workers' identities shaped? What are their individual and collective reactions to these new forms of work? How do boundaries between paid and unpaid work shift? What do these processes mean for the gendered division of labour? Does the shifting international division of labour provide new perspectives for labour markets and development in the Global South? To what extent is work embedded in particular localities? Every day of the Summer School focuses on one specific topic. Acknowledged experts in the corresponding field will give an introductory lecture and will comment the papers and presentations of the trainees.

Applicants

The Summer School is intended for PhD students and early stage researchers who present (parts) of their doctoral project. Contributions can be either theoretical or empirical. Applicants should have a background in sociology or related fields. The course is open to approx. 20 international trainees.

Format

The Summer School is organised as a combination of lectures, students' presentations and discussions. Students will be asked to submit their papers (15 pages) beforehand and present them during the course in order to receive extensive feedback from distinguished researchers and other participants. The language of instruction is English.

Faculty and Lectures

Dr Ernesto Noronha & Dr Premilla D'Cruz | Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad

Working conditions, identity and trade unionism - The case of India

Dr Bridget Conor | Kings College London

The global cultural economy - New forms of digital creative work

Prof Rudi Schmiede | Technical University Darmstadt

Digital labour and capital accumulation (tbc)

Prof Jörg Flecker | University of Vienna

Digital work in global service value chains - The perspective of critical labour studies

Prof Ursula Huws | University of Hertfordshire

New work, new inequalities - Class, race, gender and the digital economy

Public Keynote Speeches

July 7, 2015

Professor Saskia Sassen

Saskia Sassen is professor at the Columbia University and visiting professor at the London School of Economics. Her research covers globalisation, immigration, global cities, new technologies and changes within the liberal state that result from current transnational conditions.

July 9, 2015

Professor Ursula Huws

Ursula Huws is professor of labour and globalisation at the University of Hertfordshire, chair of the COST Action IS1202: *Dynamics of Virtual Work* and editor of *Work Organisation, Labour and Globalisation*. Among other fields she is an expert on the digital economy and the restructuring of work through ICT.