

Digital Condition and Muted Realities.

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Institutes, organizations, and think tanks are turning their attention to the legal restrictions and policies that should accompany digital practices. It is argued that digital activities will not eliminate work but will reshape it, entailing specific consequences on urban settings and daily lives. Some support the view that the state should take responsibility for retraining workers to meet the new demands, while others call for a guaranteed minimum income which is already in place. There is no doubt that questions arise about changes in the techno-social milieu related with job loss, the transformation of work process, the changes in the urban life, the way consumer habits are being formed, and so on. What happens to the time remaining from the digital benefit? How digital technology changes the organization of labour? Which are the social consequences for the social reproduction of workers? Lastly, what happens with social protection in the digital condition?

As digital technologies continue to reshape the global landscape, their impact on social welfare systems, employment and the provision of public services is profound.

The seminars will cover key areas including:

- The role of **digital platforms** in transforming labour markets and social rights.
- The impact of **automation** and **AI** on employment and social safety nets.
- **Digital inclusion**: addressing inequalities in access to social protection systems.
- **Policy frameworks** for social protection in the digital era.
- **Case studies** from around the world.

These seminars are open to researchers, professionals, policymakers and anyone interested in understanding how the digital transformation is shaping the future of social security, labour laws, and public welfare systems. They will involve experts working in the relative field in empirical and theoretical terms. A certification of attendance will be produced, on request.

Dates and time: Second Wednesday of the month, starting from December, 16.00-17.30 hrs UTC time (Coordinated Universal Time – <https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/timezone/utc>)

Location: Online.

Registration: As a contribution towards the expenses involved in organising this online Seminar, participants are asked to pay a small fee of 20 Euros. Please contact Giuliana B. Prato (g.b.prato@kent.ac.uk).

Join us for this engaging series of discussions that seek to bridge the gap between **technological innovation** and **social protection**.

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We look forward to your participation!