The Doctoral Programme “Good Work” at the WZB, the Lab “Reorganizing Industries” at the MCTS, and the Working Group “Digitalization and Organization” (Section Sociology of Organizations)

invite to the workshop

Labor, Technology, and Organization. How do work processes and organizations change in the context of automation and digitalization?

This interdisciplinary workshop aims at bringing together young researchers studying digitalization and automation processes which are changing industries, organizations, and work. It provides the opportunity to discuss different disciplinary perspectives, such as sociology of work, sociology of organizations, organizational psychology, science, and technology studies (STS) and others.

The meeting in Berlin is the starting point for our discussions. It will combine presentations from experts and ourselves, as well as formats like speed dating, panel discussions and others. In order to promote discussion and exchange, the workshop does not follow the traditional structure of paper presentations. We will rather seek to discuss our theoretical and methodological approaches as well as the shared research interests, e.g. the future of employment and changing patterns of flexibility, the change of work practices and organizational structures, the impact of transparency and control on power relations in the work context and others. This workshop is meant as the starting point of a PhD network and we plan to discuss potential future activities and forms of cooperation.

When and where?
Thursday, 25.01.2018; 3pm to 7pm
Friday, 26.01.2018; 10am to 6 pm
WZB, Reichpietschufer 50, 10785 Berlin. Room: B002/003
The number of participants is limited to 20 persons. Please register as soon as possible with: Kathleen Warnhoff (kathleen.warnhoff@wzb.eu)

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FIRST DAY: 25.01.2018

15:00 to 16:30pm
Opening by the organizers
Impulse- Presentation
Comment by Martin Krzywdzinski (WZB/Weizenbaum-Institute)

Coffee break

16:45 pm to 18:30pm
Presentation of involved Institutions
Speed Dating: short presentations of the PhD projects

19 pm Get Together and Dinner @ AROMA

SECOND DAY: 26.01.2018

10:00 to 11:00am

Presentation by Florian Butollo & Stefan Kirchner
Comment by Uli Meyer (MCTS)

Coffee Break

11:00 to 12:30am

World Café: Discussion of the PhD projects in three groups (further groups are possible)

- Digitalization of work: innovation, changing knowledge and learning
- Flexibility und transparency in labor processes and changing organizational structures
- Good Work in the digital economy

Lunch break

13:30 to 14:30pm

What is new about digitalization and what are the most important questions?
Different disciplinary perspectives

Discussion between PhD students and senior researchers from different disciplinary perspectives:

Eckhard Steffen (Universität Paderborn, NRW – Fortschrittskolleg)
Heike Jacobsen (BTU Cottbus)
Florian Butollo (WZB, Weizenbaum Institut),
Stefan Kirchner (Universität Hamburg)
Uli Meyer (MCTS)

Coffee Break

15:00 to 16:30pm

Discussion: possibilities for further collaboration an next steps
(joint research, workshops/conferences, publications etc.)