Pre-Call for Papers

International Labour Process Conference 2017

‘Reconnecting Work and Political Economy’
University of Sheffield
4 - 6 April

The theme of the 2017 conference is ‘Reconnecting work and Political Economy’. The turbulence unleashed by the financial crisis of 2008 has led to increased interest in the relationships between work and employment and the wider economy, as reflected in the recent concern with exploring forms and consequences of ‘financialisation’ and efforts to establish links between labour process analysis and the comparative analysis of institutions (Vidal and Hauptmeier, 2014). The growing interest in 'global value chains' (Newsome et al., 2015) has also encouraged greater attention to be paid to the contemporary global economy, while simultaneously prompting a reconsideration of the meaning, status and analytical potential of core labour process concepts and the connections between production, distribution and exchange.

Building on these developments, the aim of the conference will be to extend and deepen connections between political economy research and labour process analysis. We encourage papers that seek to develop inter-disciplinary linkages through their empirical, conceptual or theoretical content.

Full call for papers and special streams, along with dates for submission, to follow shortly.

Host organisation:

The conference will be hosted jointly by the Work, Organisation and Employment Relations Research Centre (WOERRC) and the Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute (SPERI), both at the University of Sheffield.

WOERRC comprises researchers from the Management School and the Faculty of Social Sciences. The aim of the centre is to generate and disseminate high-quality research that has the potential to inform and shape academic debates and influence policy and practice. https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/woerrc/about

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