

Working Futures

Past Futures of Work

International Conference

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Program

Thursday, May 12

13.00-13.15 **Welcome and Introduction**

13.15-14.30 **Keynote**

Michel Lallement, Conservatoire national des arts et métiers

Work and Utopia: Two Repertoires of Community Action

14.30-14.45 Coffee Break

14.45-17.00 **Panel I: Past Utopias of Work**

Christian Kremser, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main

The Utopian Content of Past Futures of Work Exemplarily discussed on Oscar Wilde's, Paul Lafargue's, and Bertrand Russel's Predictions of an End of Work

Céline Marty, Université de Franche-Comté

André Gorz's Futures of Work

Harald Mieg, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

The revised future of the expert systems of the 1970s/80s and what we can learn from them about responsibility in professional work

17.15-18.00 **Internal Meeting of the Working Futures Network (hybrid)**

18.30 Dinner

Friday, May 13

- 09.00-10.30 **Panel II: Work Utopias in the Light of Social Practice**
- Srujana Boddu, Madras Institute of Development Studies Chennai**
Formalization sans decent work: Future of Informal Work
amidst Changing Cityscapes
- Sonal Sharma, Johns Hopkins University**
The meaning of labor unions for informal sector workers: an ethnographic
perspective from the global south
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00-12.15 **Keynote**
Blanche Segrestin, MINES ParisTech
Industrial justice for the future of work: Selznick's call to rethink labor law
in the 1960s
- 12.15-13.15 Lunch
- 13.15-14.45 **Panel III: The Future of (Past) Models of Work**
- Hannah Landecker, University of California/Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin**
The Shift Worker as Model Organism: Factory Work, Biomedical Research,
and the Future of Industrial Time
- Madeleine Sallustio, SciencesPo Paris**
Denial of work? On the value of proactivity within neo-peasant collectives
in France
- 14.45-15.00 **Concluding Discussion**