

Working Futures

Solidarity at Work

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Wednesday, November 13

18.00-19.30

Solidarity at Work - Panel discussion

With Hae-Lin Choi (Communications Workers of America) & Valeria Pulignano (KU Leuven)

Can the workplace be a space of solidarity, and what does this mean in practice? How do technological and managerial changes transform ideas and practices of solidarity? Do new forms emerge? What are the levers and brakes of solidarity in the workplace today?

Hae-Lin Choi, a sociologist and union activist and Valeria Pulignano, a renowned academic expert on labour markets and industrial relations, will discuss current transformations of solidarity as concept and practice in the world of work.

Hae-Lin Choi is New York State Political Director at Communications Workers of America. She holds a PhD from the Free University in Berlin and is the author of Die Organisierung des Unorganisierbaren. USA, Südkorea, Italien: Gewerkschaftliche Strategien für prekär Beschäftigte (VSA Verlag, 2012).

Valeria Pulignano is Professor in Sociology at the Centre for Sociological Research (CESO) - KU Leuven. She is author of several books among which Reconstructing Solidarity: Labour unions, precarious work, and the politics of institutional change in Europe (with Doellgast V. and Lillie N., Oxford University Press, 2018).

Moderation: Anke Hassel (Hertie School of Governance)

Venue: Hertie School of Governance, Friedrichstraße 180, 10117 Berlin

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Please register for the panel discussion: www.hertie-school.org/en/solidarityatwork/

Thursday, November 14

Venue: Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Wallotstraße 19, 14193 Berlin

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09.00-09.15 Introduction by the conveners

09.15-12.30 *Panel 1: The History of the Concepts, Conceptions and Categories of Solidarity from a Transnational Perspective*

Chair: Bénédicte Zimmermann (Paris/Berlin)

Introduction by the chairperson

Marine Dhermy-Mairal (Geneva): Solidarity in the International Trade Market? Albert Thomas' Revolutionary Project and its Intellectual Background (1919-1932)

Tuğba Sevinç (Istanbul): Solidarity through Work: Harmonious and Antagonistic Visions

Coffee Break

Johanna Müller (Munich) & Lea Prix (Berlin): Solidarity in Disparity

Heinz Bude (Kassel): Solidarity as Existential Issue

Concluding discussion

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-16.45 *Panel 2: Past and Present Practices of Solidarity at Work*

Chair: Sasha Disko (Hamburg/Berlin)

Introduction by the chairperson

Lasse Heerten (Bochum): Solidarity: Tie/Break. Labour Conflict in the Port of Hamburg and the Working Class as a Transnational Community, 1906-1907

Andreas Eckert (Berlin): Shopfloor and Segregation: Practices of Work Solidarity in Apartheid South Africa, 1960s-1980s

Coffee Break

Julia Wambach (Berlin): The End of Solidarity? Deindustrialization in Germany and France 1960-2000

Panchali Ray (New Delhi): Thinking through 'Solidarity' from a Feminist Perspective: A Case Study of the Health Care Givers in Contemporary Kolkata, India

Concluding discussion

Friday, November 15

09.00-12.30 *Panel 3: Futures of Solidarity at Work*
Chair: Lisa Herzog (Groningen)

Introduction by the chairperson

Scholastica Atata (Abeokuta): Marketing Strategies, Female Bankers and Solidarity at work in Lagos, Nigeria

Kateryna Novikova (Warsaw): Solidarity through Knowledge Sharing? The Case of Freelance Translators' Practices of Digital Coopetition

Coffee Break

Francesco Laruffa (Geneva): Re-Politicizing the Meaning of Work: the Future of Work-Based Social Solidarity?

Blanche Segrestin (Paris): When Unknown Futures Call for New Forms of Solidarity at Work: Theoretical Stakes and Legal Forms

Concluding Discussion

12.30-13.30 Lunch

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