



CALL FOR PAPERS 2019

LABOUR RELATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT POLICIES IN TIMES OF VOLATILITY

Following the global economic crisis employment rates are higher than ever in Europe and beyond. Globalization of production, technological progress (associated among others with gig economy, advanced robotics and automatization) and increased international migration however forecast major changes to labour markets. Political volatility, including the spread of populist governance, also created new challenges to related actors. How do workers, trade unions, and policy makers react to the new era of volatility? How do new circumstances limit room of manoeuvre of global and local actors, and what are the new windows of opportunity that open up?

The core aim of the proposed special issue is to bring together a range of scholars with various disciplinary backgrounds (e.g. sociology, economics, political science, social policy, etc.) to investigate changes to labour relations and employment policies in the current political and economic context. The special issue thus invites papers that address the following themes:

- **Employment policies:** active labour market tools; policy design and implementation; active labour market policies and public works programs in rural and urban settings; gender differences in labour market policies.
- **Participation and social dialogue:** the changing role of trade unions and other worker and social movement organisations; new forms and themes of social dialogue and participation; uncertainties in the political and social dynamics of the institutional context.
- **Labour market legislation:** labour legislation (labour code); changing working time arrangements; employment contracts; social protection; labour conditions of (migrating) care workers; day labour (agriculture, construction, etc.).

The topics listed above are not exhaustive; authors are encouraged to make contributions within the broader theme of the special issue. The editors are interested in receiving both theoretical and empirical contributions. In terms of methodology, qualitative, quantitative and mixed method approaches are accepted. Comparative works as well as single and multiple case studies are welcome.

Editors of the special issue: Dorottya Szikra and Péter Csizmadia

Contributors should note:

The call is open and competitive; submitted papers will be blind peer-reviewed, must be original not being published in any other journal or outlet. The editors will select a limited number of papers to be included in the special issue. Socio.hu, Social Science Review is a peer-reviewed journal published quarterly as a web-based journal by the Institute for Sociology, CSS, Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Abstracts should be between 600–800 words, should include theoretical framework, methodology, and the main findings of the proposed paper.

- **Deadline for submitting abstracts: 25 March, 2019**
- Notification of acceptance: 30 March, 2019
- Full papers are due till 3 June, 2019

Please send abstracts to socio.hu@tk.mta.hu