

EGOS 2018 Sub-theme 63: Organizing (Inter-)mediated work: Conflicts, cultures, and regulatory challenges

The 34th EGOS Colloquium takes place from July 5th-8th 2018 at the EBS in Tallinn. The ST 63 on "Organizing (inter-)mediated work" invites contributions that focus on the human side of organizing mediated work in and beyond organizations and deepen our understanding of the organization-work nexus in today's organizations.

Today, the relationship between organizations and their workforce is often marked by a high degree of fragmentation into "various worlds of work" (Delbridge & Sallaz, 2015). Buzzwords such as the 'digital economy', the 'gig economy' or the 'platform economy' indicate that organizations are redrawing their boundaries to engage in value capture through brokerage within and across networks (e.g. Grimshaw & Rubery, 2005). One result is that work becomes intermediated through agencies of all sorts, giving rise to a range of (inter)-organizational forms and practices for organizing work across shifting and fuzzy boundaries (e.g. Bonet, Cappelli & Hamori, 2013; Felstiner, 2011; Spinuzzi, 2012): online platforms, temporary work agencies, labour subcontractors, multi-employer sites, subcontractor-vendor-customer triads, crowdworking, and new sites of production such as co-working spaces. By exploring common theoretical ground as well as divergent insights, we invite contributions that reveal how intermediary forms of organizing can be theorized for understanding the contemporary world(s) of work. We are curious about contributions from areas such as comparative institutional analysis, social movement theory and meta-organizations, organizational institutionalism, CSR, Marxist organization studies, the sociology of the professions, micropolitics in transnational corporations, labour law and diversity management.

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