

EURO-DEM Workshop Programme

“Varieties of Workplace Democracy: from specific models to a political economy”

7- 9 June 2023

Centre Marc Bloch (Humboldt University Berlin)

This workshop is organised within the framework of the research project “Workplace democracy: a European ideal? Discourses and practices about the democratization of work after 1945 (EUR-DEM)”, led by Stefan Berger (Institute for Social Movements / Ruhr- University Bochum) and Roberto Frega (CNRS / Centre Marc Bloch). This project is jointly funded by the ANR (Agence Nationale de la Recherche) and DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft).

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Arrival June 7. Centre Marc Bloch, Friedrichstraße 191, 10117 Berlin.

Wednesday, June 7

16.30 – 16.45 Welcome with coffee/tea

16.45 – 19.00 General Assembly Meeting with EURO-DEM Members and Advisors

Workshop Dinner (optional)

Thursday, June 8

9.00 – 9.15 Welcome with coffee/tea

9.15 – 9.30 Opening Remarks / Introduction to the Workshop

9.30-10.50 Panel 1: Controlling and owning the workplace

Chair: Sophia Friedel

- “*On two problems for workplace democratization and their solution via a workers’ dictatorship*” – Philipp Stehr (Utrecht University)
- “*Worker Ownership and Worker Control*” – Iñigo González Ricoy (University of Barcelona)

10.50-11.20 Coffee/tea break

11.20-12.50 Keynote Lecture: “Industrial Democracy and Political Democracy” – Wolfgang Streeck (Max-Planck-Institut, Köln) and Ruth Dukes (University of Glasgow)

12.50-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.20 Panel 2: Work, Democracy, and Society

Chair: Roberto Frega

- “*The public sphere and labour: Conceptual propositions on labour-political public spheres*” – Heiner Heiland (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen), Martin Seeliger (Institute for Work and Economy, Bremen), Sebastian Seignani (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena)
- “*Organizational Democracy is Dead, Long Live Organizational Democracy! Drivers for and Rationales of a Long-Living Idea*” – Frederik Metzger (Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research ISI, Karlsruhe)

15.20-15.50 Coffee/tea break

15.50-17.10 Panel 3: Solidarity, trade unions and corporations

Chair: Manfred Wannöffel

- “*Trade unions’ solidarity towards non-members: the case of posted workers*” – Ilana Nussbaum Bitran, Irene Dingeldey (University of Bremen)
- “*Democracy in Multinational corporations: institutional opportunity structures and collective problem solving as examples of transnational solidarity*” – Franziska Laudenbach (University of Bremen)

19.30 Workshop dinner

Friday, June 9

9.15-9.30 Welcome tea/coffee

09.30-10.50 Panel 4: Digitalisation and collective action

Chair: Frank Georgi

- “*Trade Union Action and Collective Bargaining on Techno-Organisational Innovations*” – Angelo Moro (Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, University of Burgundy), Maria Enrica Virgillito (Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies)
- “*Digitalization and Workplace Democracy: Varieties of State Regulation of the Platform Economy*” – Isabel Da Costa (CNRS, IDHES)

10.50-11.20 Coffee/tea break

11.20-12.20 Keynote Lecture: “Democratizing technological change at work: Collective responses to digitalization and AI” – Virginia Doellgast (Cornell University)

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-14.50 Panel 5: Specific models of workplace democracy

Chair: Stefan Berger

- “*Is Codetermination in Europe a barrier to excessive financialization? A firm level analysis*” – Mustafa Erdem Sakinç (Université Sorbonne Paris Nord), Emre Gömeç (Universität Kassel)
- “*Contradictions of Economic Democracy: Lessons from the Swedish Wage-Earner Funds*” – Shannon Ikebe (Jon Abbot College, Montréal)

14.50-15.20 Coffee/tea break

15.20-16.40 Panel 6: The need for a wider political economy

Chair: Pedro Teixeira

- “*Beyond workplace democracy: creating conditions for freedom under the “most adequate system of compossible rights”*” – António Baptista (University of Minho)
- “*Workplace Democracy for Realists: On the Counterintuition of Negative Spillover*” – Max Ridge (Princeton University)

16.40 – 17.10 Coffee/tea break

17.10 – 18.15 Roundtable discussion (TBD)

Chair: TBD