



WORK-NET INTERNATIONAL IS AN  
INTERNATIONAL, INTERDISCIPLINARY  
NETWORK CONNECTING CENTRES  
AND INSTITUTES STUDYING  
WORK AND EMPLOYMENT.

I am delighted that the Work and Equalities Institute (WEI) is launching this new international network to connect centres and institutes studying work and employment across the world. The network will help advance research and accelerate influence on national and international policy debates, building from the WEI's established record of international and interdisciplinary research collaborations.

COLETTE FAGAN  
FAcSS, Vice-President for Research  
The University of Manchester

I warmly welcome the Work-Net International which brings together leading research institutions in the areas of work and employment. It is extremely timely as the world of work is going through profound transformations with growing political and social uncertainty, which urgently require coordinated and informed policy actions at both national and global levels. This impressive global network should help the ILO advance debates and seek new policy solutions.

SANGHEON LEE  
Director of the ILO's Employment  
Department

## OUR PURPOSE

**This international network connects centres and institutes studying work and employment. It aims to provide mutual support and to raise awareness of the network's high-quality research, stimulate further comparative research activity, increase the network's influence on international academic and policy debates on work and employment and attract more scholars into this field.**

Inter-disciplinarity is a key strength of the network, and its members are producing insightful research on the pivotal role of work and employment in people's lives and in economic and social development. Such research is of particular importance when major changes are expected in work and employment that raise both new challenges and opportunities. Our aim is to strengthen the influence of work and employment research on public debate and wider academic discourses.

The network complements existing international networks of individual researchers by embedding connections between centres and institutes. Longer term the goal is to provide support for emerging centres in countries where research capacities in work and employment are developing.

Future Work-Net activities include support for early career researchers and doctoral students, for exchange visits and collaborations, for the formation of study groups to explore new challenges, for the development of international projects and advisory boards, for knowledge exchange and impact activities, for dissemination of job vacancies and PhD opportunities, and for exchange of information and materials supporting innovation in teaching and research methods.

## MEMBERS

### Australia

Australian Centre for Gender Equality and Inclusion @ Work, The University of Sydney  
WOW (Research Centre for Work, Organisation & Wellbeing), Griffith University

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### Austria

FORBA - (Working Life Research Centre), Vienna

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### Belgium

ETUI (European Trade Union Institute), Brussels

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### Canada

Centre for Industrial Relations and Human Resources, University of Toronto  
\*CRIMT (Interuniversity Research Centre on Globalization and Work), University of Montreal

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### China

School of Labor and Human Resources,  
Renmin University of China, Beijing

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### Denmark

\*FAOS (Employment Relations Research Centre), University of Copenhagen

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### Finland

WRC (Work Research Centre), Tampere University

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## France

\*CEET (Centre for the Study of Work and Employment), Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, Paris

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LEST (Institut of Labour Economics and Industrial Sociology), CNRS and Aix-Marseille University

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## Germany

IAB (Institute for Employment Research), Nuremburg

\*IAQ (Institute for Work, Skills and Training), University of Duisberg-Essen

iw (Institute of Labour and Economy), University of Bremen

SOFI (Sociological Research Institute Göttingen), Georg-August University Göttingen

WSI (Institute of Economic and Social Research) Dusseldorf

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## Italy

\*Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan

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## Korea

KLI (Korea Labor Institute), Seoul

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## Netherlands

AIAS-HSI University of Amsterdam

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## Norway

\*Fafo, Oslo

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## Poland

Department of the Sociology of Work and Economic Sociology, Institute of Sociology, University of Wrocław

## South Africa

\*SCIS (Southern Centre for Inequality Studies) Wits University Johannesburg

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## Spain

\*QUIT-IET (Sociological Research Centre on Everyday Life and Work), Institute for Labour Studies, Autonomous University of Barcelona

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## Switzerland

ILO (International Labour Organisation, Research Department), Geneva

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## United Kingdom

Centre for Decent Work, University of Sheffield

CERIC (Centre for Employment Relations Innovation and Change) University of Leeds

IER (Warwick Institute for Employment Research at The University of Warwick)

\*WEI (Work and Equalities Institute) The University of Manchester

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## United States

\*CAROW (Center for Applied Research on Work) ILR School, Cornell University

Center for Global Work and Employment, Rutgers University

IRLE (Institute for Research on Labor and Employment) University of California at Berkeley

IRLE (Institute for Research on Labor and Employment), UCLA

MIT IWER (Massachusetts Institute of Technology Institute for Work & Employment Research)

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# A NEW ERA FOR WORK AND EMPLOYMENT



Earlier this year, Work-Net International hosted a special event to celebrate the official launch of the network, bringing together 26 of Work-Net International's 31 founding members, alongside scholars, policymakers and practitioners to explore the pivotal role of work and employment.

The network aims to strengthen the influence of work and employment research on public debate and critical discourse. As part of the launch, the network hosted two key panel discussions, including members of the Work-Net Steering group, exploring the importance, and potential challenges, of work and employment research. The first panel explored the importance of interdisciplinary and comparative research in addressing the challenges and opportunities in work and employment, while the second panel considered how a holistic approach to work and employment research can inform policy debates, particularly in an ever-changing world of work and emerging challenges. You can read more about the launch and watch videos of the panel discussions on the Work-Net International website which can be accessed by scanning the QR code below.

In the longer-term, the network is looking to expand its geographical reach and support emerging centres of high-quality research in work and employment.

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