



Special Session Proposal

Uneven geographies of job creation and job destruction in the context of green and digital transitions

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Abstract

Macro drivers of change, including technological change, globalisation, and green transition, as well as extraordinary phenomena, such as the 2008 global economic crisis and the Covid-19 pandemic, have restructured contemporary labour entailing job creation and job destruction. The green transition transforms labour markets, though its effects vary significantly across regions. This occurs alongside the digital transition when promoting greener production methods, including automation. Vulnerable groups—such as migrants, NEETs (young people not in education, employment, or training), and low-skilled workers—are especially at risk, as they face greater challenges when seeking re-employment due to limited financial resources and skills. Studies on the process of job creation and destruction have analyzed the transformation of labour markets in the current transitional period, although focusing on the production and demand side, particularly related to skills needed, overlooking the supply sides and the effects of changes in consumption trends. Moreover, the largest part of literatures on JCD and its effects focuses on the national level, while relatively overlooking working conditions in the new jobs created and how the effects vary among socio-economic and demographic groups. Thus, there is room for improvement of our knowledge on the geographies of job creation and destruction as well as regional labour markets transformation in the context of green and digital transition. In this session, we invite interventions that offer conceptual, methodological and empirical papers of regional labour markets transformation in the context of green and digital transition. Potential contributions may focus on:

- Conceptualisation of job creation and destruction and its geographically and socially uneven effects
- What sectors, jobs and skills are under the greatest risk of being affected by the green and digital transition and what this means for regional labour markets and regional development
- What are the socially and geographically uneven effects of job creation and destruction in context of the green and digital transition
- What policies should be recommended to address the geographically and socially uneven implications of regional labour markets transformation in the context of green and digital transition