



Third International Conference

Social Boundaries of Work. Methodological and Practical Problems of Research on Work and Employment in Modern Societies

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We would like to invite you to participate in the international conference "Social Boundaries of Work. Methodological and Practical Problems of Research on Work and Employment in Modern Societies", which will be held from the 27th till 28th of October 2017 in the Institute of Sociology of the University of Silesia in Katowice (Poland). The conference is the third edition of the series of international conferences *Social Boundaries of Work* organized by The Sociology of Work Section of Polish Sociological Association. The aim of this conference series is to systematically explore the meanings of work in the process of economic and cultural changes associated with globalization, Europeanization and the expansion of neoliberal variety of capitalist economy.

Discussion during the third edition of the conference will be focused on the methodological and practical problems of research on work and employment. We want to tackle the universal and particular problems of research on work and employment in the

private companies, including corporations, and in the public sector organizations across various regions and countries. We are interested in the methodology of social research on work regarding various levels of social life e.g. experiences of working individuals; social groups in traditional and new workplaces; labour process in enterprises; functioning of local, national and transnational labour markets; the role of state agencies and supranational organizations in shaping of contemporary world of work and labour.

We are particularly interested in traditional and new research methods designed to study the quality of work, the protection of workers' rights, the emergence of atypical and precarious employment, telework and crowd employment - as well as their impact not only on labour markets but also on lifestyles and social inequalities related to class, gender, age, nationality and ethnicity.

We encourage potential participants to submit paper proposals regarding both the quantitative and qualitative methods of research on the shifting boundaries between working and non-working life, productive and reproductive work as well as standard and non-standard employment. In order to grasp various discourses on work, we would also like to address the theoretical and practical problems arising from various conceptualisations and measurements of the cultural, social and economic capitals of people at work.

The objectives of the conference are:

- to contribute to the discussion on the different types of work and their social meanings both for individuals and society taking into account the methodological and practical issues of research on work;
- to reflect and discuss the meaning of work in the context of growing diversification of the forms of contemporary employment and social inequalities which arise from them;
- to analyse methodological problems of quantitative and qualitative labour market research and discuss marginalized and dominant trends in this area - in particular: the relation of sociology of work, psychology of work and economics; the problems of methodology and methods of research on work; the challenges of research on the social boundaries of work; the problems of applied research on the work environment, including studies carried out within internal procedures aimed at monitoring the quality of work and work satisfaction of employees as well as customer satisfaction;
- to discuss new methodological approaches to research on opportunities and challenges faced by trade unions representing workers in the various types of employment

- to reflect on various ways of conceptualisation and categorization of “capitals” present in the labour market as well assumptions accompanying the study of “capitals” (including issues of balancing economic and sociological perspectives);
- to analyse the role of emotions in the experiences of work-related individuals (employees, employers, managers, trade unionists etc.)

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Conference fees:

- **Active participants (with a paper) - Regular fee** (academic staff with PhD degree and professors and non-academic participants) - 350 PLN (85 EUR)
- **Active participants (with a paper) - PhD students & students** - 250 PLN (60 EUR)
- **Passive participants (no papers) in the full conference** - 150 PLN (35 EUR)

The conference fee covers: catering during two days of the conference and the possibility of publishing a conference paper in the prepared e-book / a peer-reviewed journal (special or regular issue) in case of its positive peer-review.

Languages of the conference: Polish and English

- 1st day – in English
- 2nd day – in English, selected sessions in Polish

The simultaneous translation of the plenary sessions (Polish-English, English-Polish) will be provided.

Please send your abstracts and/or register using the registration form available at the conference web-site www.socialboundariesofwork.pl by 30 April 2017 at latest. All abstracts will be pre-selected by the Organising Committee and reviewed by the members of the Scientific Board.

Deadlines:

- **30 April 2017** - Deadline for submitting conference abstracts (250-500 words, please use the on-line [registration form](http://www.socialboundariesofwork.lh.pl/en/registration-form)) (available at: <http://www.socialboundariesofwork.lh.pl/en/registration-and-deadlines/>)

- **30 May 2017**- Decision on the acceptance of abstracts by organizers and the scientific board
- **31 July 2017** - Conference fee payment and registration deadline for active participants
- **15 September 2017** - Conference fee payment and registration deadline for non-active participants (without papers)
- **30 September 2017** - Submission of full papers (25,000 - 35,000 signs with spaces)

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