

TOPIC

DIGITALISATION AND THE FUTURE OF WORK: JOBS AT RISK?

Does digitalisation threaten or create jobs? Are we indeed about to see the disruption of labour or is this merely an outburst of hysteria? And if jobs are at risk, is it really the ‘boring and repetitive’ tasks which will be taken over by machines, as is generally assumed? Are we heading towards a polarised society in which well-trained digital experts face off against an unskilled precariat? Who are the specialists of tomorrow? How can we train them? Which skills will be needed and which need to be expanded? How can both employees and employers prepare for this challenge?

Our Lunch Debate will focus on the way digitalisation affects labour markets, including its impact on workers’ status, working conditions and needs for further training. We will put a special emphasis on the question of rapidly changing skill requirements and skill mismatches. Furthermore, we will look at how work is going to be organised in the future and to what extent greater flexibility will affect when, where and how tasks are performed.

TIME&DATE

Wednesday
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12–2 pm

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Andrea Glorioso works at the EC (DG CONNECT) coordinating the "Future of Work" dossier, which analyses the impact of digitalisation on labour markets. Prior to that, he was counsellor at the EU Delegation to the U.S. in Washington. Glorioso studied political science, intellectual property law and global internet governance.



Ignacio Doreste is an advisor with the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) with a focus on self-employment, atypical work and digitalisation. He holds a Master's degree in HRM and in psychology. Doreste has been working for the ETUC since 2013, having previously been active in the Spanish trade union movement.



Patrick Schwarzkopf, director of Robotics at the Brussels-based EUnited – European Engineering Industries Association, is a member of the International Federation of Robotics. Holding a Master's degree in economics, his particular interests lie in smart factory, Internet of Things, the workplace of the future and the effects of automation on labour markets.



Ralph Sina has been an EU correspondent for the German radio broadcaster ARD in Brussels since 2014. Before, he worked as a radio correspondent in Nairobi and Washington. Sina is a trained journalist, regularly appearing as a speaker in round table discussions on German television (e. g. Internationaler Frühschoppen).

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

- » 12:00 LUNCH
- » 12:30 WELCOME ADDRESS



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