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Work, Gender and Change in a Global Context  
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Over the past few decades, the world of work has been undergoing rapid and profound transformation. Few people around the world have been left untouched by these changes. This course will examine how work and labour markets have been transformed within the broader context of globalization, economic restructuring, and fundamental shifts in public policy. We will focus on a range of theoretical frameworks and methodological approaches that have been used to explain and investigate work and labour market transformation as well as the impact of structural change on workplaces and on workers and their communities. Topics to be discussed may include: changing patterns of employment in a comparative perspective; workplace reorganization, technology and the management of work; precariousness and the destandardization of the employment relationship; deindustrialization and the nature of the post-industrial economy; the international division of labour; labour migration; the privatization of work; unpaid and caring work; the public-private divide; the demise of the welfare state and changing forms of citizenship; worker organization and protest; and, transnational social movement unionism. The course will focus on the reconfiguration of class, gender, and race relations as central to work transformation under a global political economy.

REQUIRED READINGS

Most required readings will be available either online, or on reserve through the Library system.

EVALUATION

Seminar Presentations  
Participation  
Commentaries on Readings  
Final Research Paper