



Valuing labour in the age of AI



Webinar

Thursday 4th March 2021 (09:00 – 12:00)

What?

AI could complement the productivity, value and skill of human workers, and relieve them from tedious and dangerous tasks. But this will not happen automatically. In fact, till now, the computer revolution has seen a decline in bargaining power of labour, increasing job precariousness, and pressure on labour and fundamental rights, from collective bargaining, to data protection and fair treatment in the workplace.

The first panel will look at the bigger picture. How can the EU ensure that AI will complement human labour, and avoid aggravating inequalities (regional, skills-biased, income)? What role can collective bargaining and social partners play? To what extent should regulation of AI address these issues?

The second panel will look at AI in the workplace. With the covid-19 pandemic, the use of algorithmic management and digital surveillance of workers is accelerating. What are the risks, in terms of worker autonomy, equal treatment and collective rights? Do we need policy to accompany this transition?

Agenda

09:00 – 09:10: Introduction / welcome

Iratxe García-Perez MEP, Leader of the S&D Group in the European Parliament

László Andor, Secretary General of FEPS

Ibán García Del Blanco MEP, S&D AIDA Coordinator

PANEL 1

09:10 – 10:25: AI, labour and inequality (AI rules, skills, regional divide, industrial policy)

Moderation: **Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**, 1st Vice-Chair of the AIDA committee

Lucilla Sioli, European Commission, DG Connect, Director for AI and Digital Industry

Dragos Adascalitei, Eurofound

Catelijne Muller, European Economic and Social Committee

Isabelle Schömann, ETUC Confederal Secretary

PANEL 2

10:30 – 11:50: The digital workplace: algorithmic management, surveillance and autonomy

Moderation: Tiamo Wölken MEP, S&D JURI Coordinator

Stefan Olsson, European Commission, DG EMPL, Directorate for Employment

David Reichel, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights

Ivana Bartoletti, Fabian Society, author of *An Artificial Revolution: on privacy, policy & AI*

Valerio de Stefano, Research professor at KU Leuven, AI/Technology and labour

Birte Dedden, UNI Europa Director for ICTS

11:50 – 12:00: Wrap-up, conclusions

Brando Benifei MEP, S&D AIDA shadow rapporteur (*TBC*)