



The Future of Work is Now

Jobs, Automation and Inequality

Thursday, 21 November 2019

Expert Round Table

In 2018 and 2019, the Rafael Campalans Foundation has formed a group of academics, lawyers, engineers, politicians, trade unionists and others discuss the future of work. Four seminars have been held, covering new employment relations, the impact of artificial technology, the maintenance of social protection systems, and the governance of labor relations. The work will serve as input for the expert round table.

Location: **Headquarters of the PSC** (c/ Pallars 191, Barcelona)

18.00 **Future of Work Activities – an eye to Europe**

Introductory Remarks

David Rinaldi, Director of Studies and Policy at FEPS and Lecturer of European Economic Governance at the Université Libre de Bruxelles

The Analysis carried out by the Campalans Working Group

Ferran Camas, Professor of Labour Law and Social Protection at the University of Girona

The digital transformation of work - structural trends

Lucia Velasco, Member of the European High-Level Expert Group on the Impact of the Digital Transformation on EU Labour Markets, TBC

Platform work in Europe: evolution and answers

Justin Nogarede, Digital Policy Advisor at FEPS

19.00 Open discussion with the members of the working group

20:15 Dinner



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Location: **Headquarters of the PSC** (c/ Pallars 191, Barcelona)

09:00 – 9:30 Registration

09:30 – 9:50 **Opening Remarks**

David Rinaldi, Director of Studies and Policy, FEPS

José Montilla, President of Rafael Campalans Foundation

9:50-10:15 Keynote address

Automation & inequality: an inevitable relation?

Maria Joao Rodrigues
President of FEPS

10:15-11:30 ***#Future of work:***

Creating quality jobs in the digital economy

Will robots take all of our jobs? That's difficult to say, maybe in the (very) long run. But it's clear that the digital transition is already now hollowing out stable, mid-skilled jobs, in favor of very high-paid employment, and a large segment of flexible, precarious gig economy jobs. How can we avoid exploitation in today's labour market, and spur the creation of quality jobs in the digital economy?

Juan Ignacio Marín, Labour and Social Security Inspector

Juanjo Lavergne, de RidersxDerechos -BCN-Sindicat IAC

Lucia Velasco, Member of the European High-Level Expert Group on the Impact of the Digital Transformation on EU Labour Markets

José Antonio Pasadas, UGT Catalunya

Chair: **Cesc Castellana**, President of Fundació Utopia

11:30-11:50 **Coffee break**

12.00-13:30 ***#Future of society:***

Digitalisation and other transformations of our society

Digital technology is often seen as a panacea: the tool to kick-start economic growth, to help spur a green transition, and to manage the effects of an ageing population. But right now, the digital economy exacerbates tensions. It is the scene of both increasing concentrations of wealth and tax avoidance from multinationals, and a class of platform workers who often lack basic social protection. On top of that, in spite of the impression, the 'Internet' consumes a massive and rapidly increasing amount of energy. Can digital technology help to address these issues, instead of being part of the problem? What would be required?

AitorLópez, Young scholar (CCOO)

Justin Nogarede, Digital Policy Adviser at the Foundation for European Progressive Studies

Catalina Jordi, professor of Labour law (URV)

Chair: **Encarna Perán**, Professor in Applied Economics at Universitat de Barcelona (UB)

13:30-14:00 **Closing remarks**

Miquel Iceta, First Secretary of the Catalan Socialist Party

Eva Granados, Head of the Institutional, Economic and Social Policy area in the Catalan Socialist Party

Ferran Camas, Professor of Labour Law and Social Protection at the University of Girona

Chair: **Esther Niubó**, Director of Rafael Campalans Foundation.