Call for Papers

“Job quality in digitalized work environments – new developments, potentials and challenges”
Special Issue in “Soziale Welt”

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German: „Arbeits- und Beschäftigungsqualität in digitalisierten Arbeitswelten - Veränderungspotenziale und methodische Herausforderungen“

Digitalization is held responsible for many changes and developments in the world of work. Though scholars largely agree that human work will remain a substantial part of our life, there is less consensus on how and at which speed working and living contexts will change. Whereas digital technologies has been shaping our daily work for decades, there are only little systematic empirical analyses of the consequences of current development for employees. This is not surprising as digitalization is used as a vague term for technology-induced changes that are difficult to grasp and hardly to generalize.

The special issue aims to focus on possible developments in and challenges for job and employment quality in the course of the digitalization of work and addresses the following (not exclusive) questions:

- What are the potentials for changes on the company, sectoral, national or international level by the digitalization of work and what are possible consequences for the job quality of employees?
- How does the use of digital technologies change work tasks and activities and what opportunities and risks are associated with these changes?
- What are the consequences for job quality (for example job demands, health, well-being, qualification, development opportunities)?
- What are the implications for employment quality (for example employment security / stability, atypical employment, income, social security)?
- How does the interaction of work and private life change? What are opportunities and risks for the integration of work and private life?
- Are there winners and losers of the digitalization of work? What are the roles of educational background and/or gender?
- Which methodological challenges have to be overcome in the empirical study of the digitisation of work?

We invite all researchers to submit empirical papers (qualitative and quantitative) by October 31st, 2020. All manuscripts written in German or English of no more than 80 000 characters are considered. All submissions will be subject to a double-blind review process. For author guidelines see [https://www.soziale-welt.nomos.de/fileadmin/soziale-welt/doc/Regeln_fuer_die_Manuskriptgestaltung.pdf](https://www.soziale-welt.nomos.de/fileadmin/soziale-welt/doc/Regeln_fuer_die_Manuskriptgestaltung.pdf) (please note: German version only, an updated English version will be available soon online or upon request by the guest editors). Please submit your manuscript to Soziale-Welt@baua.bund.de.

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For questions regarding this special issue, please contact the guest editors

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