



The Worlds of Work: Crossed Perspectives from France and England

International and Interdisciplinary Workshop

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Convened by **Delphine Mercier** (MFO)

Illustration: **Mélanie Forné**

Thursday, 22nd May 2025

12:00–3:30 – Welcome Lunch for Guests

13:45 – Welcome and Opening: Juliet Carpenter, Sandrine Maljean-Dubois and Pascal Marty

Session 1, 14:00–17:00

Work: Transformations, Disruptions, and Continuities

14:00–15:45: Chair and discussion: Jens Thoemmes

'Worlds of Work: An Introduction', Delphine Mercier

'Young People's Relationship with Work', Thierry Berthet

'Participation at Work in Britain – Trends and Implications', Duncan Gallie

15:45 – Break

16:00–17:00, Chair and discussion: Jérôme Gautié

'Emergent Skill Changes Associated with Digital Technologies: Clarifying Boundary Conditions and Opening Up New Approaches', Damian Grimshaw

17:00 – Break

17:30 – Documentary Film in French with English subtitles *'La Ferme des Bertrand'*.

Directed by Gilles Perret and Marion Richoux, César Award for Best Documentary Film, 2025. Film screening followed by a discussion with Gilles Perret and Marion Richoux, moderated by Pascal Marty.

20:00 – Special Dinner for Guests

Friday, 23rd May 2025

Session 2, 09:30–12:45

Work and Time: Navigating the Digital Era

9:30–10:15: Chair and Discussion: Antoine Destemberg

'Health and Safety at Work. The Recent Contribution of Historical Research', Judith Rainhorn

'Working in the Public Sector compared with the Private Sector', Odile Joint Lambert

10:15–11:15: Chair and Discussion: Michel Lallement

'Varieties of Digital Ecosystem in Transition: Governance, Connectivity and Inclusion',

Jacqueline O'Reilly

11:15 – Break

11:30–12:45 – Chair and Discussion: Valérie Boussard

'The Many Futures of Work: The Example of Digital Transformation', Chris Warhurst

12:45 – 14:00 – Lunch for Guests

Session 3 – 14:00-16:30

The Future of Work: Insights from Social Science

Chair and Discussion: Thierry Berthet, María Eugenia Longo and Delphine Mercier

'Work' in French Management Research: From Denial to Renewal', Eve Saint-Germes

'Work, Freedom and Utopia', Enrico Donaggio

'Social Sciences and the Future of Work', Isabelle Berrebi-Hoffmann

Closure of Debates

Participants:

- **Isabelle Berrebi-Hoffmann** – Research Director, CNRS; Sociologist, Conservatoire national des arts et métiers, LISE
- **Thierry Berthet** – CNRS Researcher, Political Science; Former Director, Laboratoire d'Économie et de Sociologie du Travail (LEST)
- **Valérie Boussard** – Professor, Sociologist; Director, IDHES.S, Université Paris Nanterre
- **Juliet Carpenter** – Director of Research, Global Centre on Healthcare and Urbanisation (GCHU), Kellogg College
- **Antoine Destemberg** – Associate Professor in Medieval History, University of Artois; Research Fellow, Maison Française d'Oxford
- **Enrico Donaggio** – Professor of Philosophy; Scientific Director, Institute for Advanced Study, Aix-Marseille University
- **Duncan Gallie** – Professor Duncan Gallie CBE FBA; Emeritus Fellow, Nuffield College, Oxford
- **Jérôme Gautié** – Professor, Economist, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
- **Damian Grimshaw** – Professor; Associate Dean for Research Impact; Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences, King's College London
- **Odile Joint-Lambert** – Historian and Sociologist; Professor, UVSQ – Laboratoire Printemps; Director, École doctorale Sciences sociales et humanités, Université Paris-Saclay
- **Michel Lallement** – Professor, Sociologist, Conservatoire national des arts et métiers
- **María Eugenia Longo** – Professor, Sociologist; President, RC30 Sociology of Work, International Sociological Association
- **Sandrine Maljean-Dubois** – CNRS Researcher, Jurist; Deputy Scientific Director of the CNRS Social Sciences and Humanities Division, in charge of the Department of Law and Sociology
- **Pascal Marty** – Director, Maison Française d'Oxford; Professor of Environmental Geography
- **Delphine Mercier** – CNRS Researcher, Sociologist, Maison Française d'Oxford; Visiting Fellow, Kellogg College, University of Oxford
- **Gilles Perret** – Film Director, Documentary Filmmaker, and Scriptwriter
- **Jacqueline O'Reilly** – Professor; Co-Director, Digital Futures at Work Research Centre, University of Sussex
- **Judith Rainhorn** – Professor, Historian, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
- **Marion Richoux** – Screenwriter
- **Eve Saint-Germes** – Associate Professor, Management Science, Université Côte d'Azur
- **Jens Thoemmes** – Research Professor, CERTOP, CNRS, France
- **Chris Warhurst** – Professor; Director, Warwick Institute for Employment Research, University of Warwick