

Tech-Talk by Future of Work with FES Democracy of the Future

7. September 2022, 2–3 p.m.

#FESTechTalk »Does the future of work undermine the democracy of the future?«

Invitation

We would like to invite you to our **Tech-Talk on »Does the future of work undermine democracy of the future?«** at 2–3 p.m. CET on **7 September 2022**.

Most policy and business experts agree that digital transformation will have a far-reaching impact on the global workforce. McKinsey predicts that in about 60 percent of occupations, at least one-third of the constituent activities could be automated, implying substantial workplace transformations and changes for all workers.

The ongoing digital transformation might also have political consequences as any disruptive change provides a fertile ground for populist ideas to flourish. Economic research suggests that technological change and globalisation transform the labour market resulting in economic insecurities such as rising unemployment and increasing inequalities. In combination with the rolling back of labour market protection policies, economic insecurities manifest themselves in dissatisfaction with the political system and feeds the populist backlash. Therefore, we need to ask, in what ways is digitalisation threatening democracy? And how can the future of work and digitalisation shape the democracy of the future for the better?

With our Tech-Talk we would like – together with **MEP Gabriele Bischoff** (S&D Group), **Bettina Kohlrausch** (Institute of Economic and Social Research, WSI) and **Tim Vlandas** (University of Oxford) – to seek solutions and ask what needs to be done on the European level to prevent an undermining of democracy through digitalisation.

Agenda

2.00 pm Welcome

Matthias Weber, FES Future of Work

Johanna Lutz, FES Democracy of the Future

2.05 pm Discussion with

MEP Gabriele Bischoff, S&D Group

Bettina Kohlrausch, WSI

Tim Vlandas, University of Oxford

2.45 pm Q&A Session

2.55 pm Concluding remarks

3.00 pm End of event

Moderation: **Johannes Hillje**, Political advisor

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Guest Speakers



Gabriele Bischoff is Member of European Parliament for the S&D Group.
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Prof. Bettina Kohlrausch is scientific director of the Institute of Economic and Social Research (WSI) of the Hans Böckler Foundation.
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Dr. Tim Vlandas is an Associate Professor of Comparative Social Policy and Departmental Course Director at the University of Oxford.
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Registration

Please register [here](#) by **5 September 2022**.

Note: This is an online conference. The zoom link will be sent to you shortly before the event after registration. The event will be translated simultaneously into German and English.

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