



## AGENDA

### ***Work ahead: labour in the platform economy***

**14 June 2022, 13H00 – 17H30 CET**

**La Tricoterie, Brussels, Belgium**

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### ***Lunch (12H00 – 13H00)***

*Moderation:* **Christina Colclough**, Founder, The Why Not Lab

- 13H00**                      **Welcome and opening remarks**
- Matthias Weber**, Director of the Competence Centre on the Future of Work, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Brussels
- Christian Testorf**, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Berlin
- 13H10**                      **Cloud Empires**
- Keynote speech*
- Vili Lehdonvirta**, Professor of Economic Sociology and Digital Social Research, Oxford Internet Institute
- Q&A
- 14H00**                      **The FES Project on Online Platforms and Platform Work in Europe**
- Presentation*
- Inga Sabanova and Oliver Philipp**, Policy Analysts, FES Competence Centre on the Future of Work



**14H20**                      **Calls for Action!**

<b>Roundtable (1)</b>	<b>Roundtable (2)</b>	<b>Roundtable (3)</b>
Slave to the algorithm? Strategies to empower labour in the digital workplace.	Employers without obligations? Let's not give Uber (and others) an easy ride!	Who are the platform workers? Role of migration and gender.
<b>Input</b>	<b>Input</b>	<b>Input</b>
<b>Jeremias Adams-Prassl</b> Professor, University of Oxford	<b>Sacha Garben</b> Professor, College of Europe	<b>Niels van Doorn</b> Assistant Professor, University of Amsterdam
<b>Joanna Bronowicka</b> Researcher, European University Viadrina	<b>Lorenza Antonucci</b> Associate Professor, GIGWELL	<b>Agnieszka Piasna</b> Senior Researcher, ETUI
<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Moderator</b>
<b>Christina Colclough</b> Founder, The Why Not Lab	<b>Ludovic Voet</b> Confederal Secretary, ETUC	<b>Delia Badoi</b> Research Fellow, Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy.

**15H50**                      **Coffee Break**

**16H10**                      **Where do we go from here?**

*Panel discussion with policy-makers, based on roundtable inputs*

**Brando Benifei**, Member of European Parliament, S&D Group

**László Andor**, Secretary General, FEPS

Q&A

**17H20**                      **Concluding remarks**

**Ludovic Voet**, Confederal Secretary, ETUC

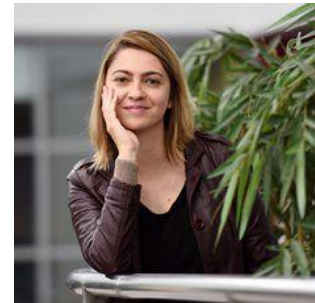
**17H30**                      **End of event**

## SPEAKERS



**László Andor** - is the Secretary General of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS). He is an Economist, and former EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (2010-2014). Since stepping down from the Commission, he has been head of department of economic policy at Corvinus University (Budapest), Senior Fellow at Hertie School of Governance (Berlin) and a visiting professor at ULB (Brussels) as well as Sciences Po (Paris).

**Lorenza Antonucci** - is an Associate Professor and Birmingham Fellow in the Department of Social Policy, Sociology and Criminology. Her research and teaching investigate the impact of European social policies on people's lives, with a focus on inequality. In addition to GIGWELL, which analyses issues faced by platform workers and what gig work means for the model of 'future work'; she is currently conducting research on: the socio-economic triggers of populism.



**Delia Badoi** - is a Research Fellow at the Research Institute for Quality for Life, Romanian Academy of Science. Her research focuses on the field of labour, gendered employment, digital labour market and precarious working conditions. She has collaborated in previous research projects with the Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels, Belgium (2019); Research Institute for Work and Society, KU Leuven, Belgium (2018) and GESIS – Leibniz Institute for Social Sciences, Cologne, Germany (2019).

**Brando Benifei** – is a member of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament since 2014. Currently, he is member of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection and of the Special Committee on Artificial Intelligence in a Digital Age. In this capacity, he serves as the Parliament's Co-Rapporteur for the Artificial Intelligence Act. He is member of the Democratic Party in Italy.





**Joanna Bronowicka** - is a Resarcher at the European University Viadrina. She is a Sociologist who conducted research on human rights, digitisation, migration, social movements and political participation. From 2015-2018, she led the Centre for Internet & Human Rights as a Director. Before joining the CIHR, she worked for the Ministry of Administration and Digitisation in Poland, where she contributed to the development of digital strategies and policies.

**Christina Colclough** - is an advocate for the workers' voice. She is the founder of the Why Not Lab - a boutique value-driven consultancy that puts workers at the centre of digital change. In this capacity, Christina works with unions, interest groups and governments across the world on issues such as AI governance, workers' data rights and human rights, and the development of responsible digital technology.



**Niels van Doorn** - is an Assistant Professor of New Media and Digital Culture in the Department of Media Studies and the Principal Investigator of the ERC-funded Platform Labor research project (2018-2023). He holds PhD in Communication Science (2010) from the University of Amsterdam.

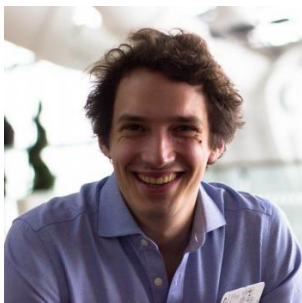
**Sacha Garben** - is a Professor of EU law at the College of Europe. She is on leave from the European Commission, where she worked on EU labour law until joining the college in 2015. She has published inter alia on the division of competencies between the EU and the member states, the balance between social and economic rights in the EU legal order and the European Pillar of Social Rights.





**Vili Lehdonvirta** - is Professor of Economic Sociology and Digital Social Research at the Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford. His research examines how digital technologies are used to reshape the organization of economic activities in society, from gig platforms to online marketplaces and virtual currencies to crowdfunding. What are the implications to workers, entrepreneurs, and states, and how can this digital economy be governed?

**Agnieszka Piasna** - is a Senior Researcher in the Economic, Employment and Social Policies Unit at the ETUI. She is a labour sociologist, with an interest in job quality, labour market policies and regulation, digitalisation, and gender equality. At the ETUI, she currently coordinates research activities in the framework of the ETUI Internet and Platform Work Survey, develops the European Job Quality Index, and carries out research on working time reduction.



**Jeremias Adams-Prassl** – is a Fellow of Magdalen College, and Deputy Director of the Institute of European and Comparative Law. Jeremias read law at Oxford, Paris, and Harvard Law School. His research focuses on technology, innovation policy, and the future of work in the European Union and beyond. Since April 2021, Jeremias leads a five-year, interdisciplinary project exploring the rise of Algorithms at Work, funded by the European Research Council and a 2020 Leverhulme Prize.

**Ludovic Voet** - is Confederal Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC). Before being elected as Confederal Secretary at the ETUC's May 2019 Congress, Ludovic Voet was national youth leader of the CSC union from 2015. His responsibilities at the ETUC cover non-standard work and the platform economy, sustainable development and climate change, migration, youth policy, education and training, and equality and non-discrimination, plus organising.



## VENUE

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BUS: 49-50-32 – Stop "Avenue du Roi"

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