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Call for Papers
SPRU – CESifo Workshop on

Technological Change and the Future of Work: Combining Disciplinary Approaches

To be held on **21 and 22 June 2023** on the island of San Servolo, Venice, Italy

Submission deadline: 31 January 2023, midnight CET.

Current discussions about the effects of AI and digital automation on employment echo a long history of labor-saving technologies that have brought about waves of disruption to labor practices and reconfigured occupations over the years. The history of automation anxiety has often been accompanied by claims that “this time it will be different.” The combination of Industry 4.0 automation technologies, following mechanical, electrical and ICT automations, is no exception.

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To help shed light on the issue, SPRU and CESifo will host a Pillars Workshop on “Technological Change and the Future of Work: Combining Disciplinary Approaches”. One of the key contributions that the EU Horizon 2020-funded Pillars project aims to make is disentangling the complex nature of technology, considering its historical recurrence and heterogeneous nature, and how it shapes labor markets.

The SPRU-CESifo workshop will offer a unique space for labor economists, economists of innovation and technological change, political economists, and other social scientists to tackle the challenges of assessing the link between current and future waves of technological change and labor, stimulating a constructive debate among top-level scholars who have approached the theme from different perspectives. The aim is to create synergies and complementarities among such perspectives to advance both theory and evidence. Keynote debates will introduce the workshop’s core themes.

We invite paper submissions to the open sessions from labor economists, economists of technological change, political economists, and researchers from other social science disciplines who work in the field addressed by the workshop.

Keynote debates will introduce the workshop’s core themes and will be delivered by **Alexandra Spitz-Oener** (Humboldt University Berlin), **Judy Wajcman** (London School of Economics), **Luc Soete** (UNU Merit), and **Frank Neffke** (Complexity Science Hub Vienna).

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Submission & Publication

We accept online submissions only. To submit a paper or extended abstract please click here: <https://ifo-cesifo-events.org/frontend/index.php?sub=149>

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Authors of accepted papers will be notified by the end of February 2023.

Contact office@cesifo.de for assistance should you have any technical difficulties when submitting.

All conference papers will be published as **CESifo Working Papers**.

Papers presented at the workshop can be revised after the workshop to include comments.

CESifo will provide accommodation, and will reimburse economy travel costs, for all participants with accepted papers. All CESifo Research Network members are invited to participate but are expected to provide their own funding for travel and accommodation.

For more information, please consult www.cesifo.org/venice

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