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PANOPTIWORK  
THE HUMAN AND THE DIGITAL AT WORK

# Panoptiwork conference

## 2 December 2024

University of Groningen  
Oude Boteringestraat 18, Röling Building  
Groningen, the Netherlands

### Call for abstracts

### *‘Interdisciplinary perspectives on labour and digitalisation’*

Deadline 15 September 2024  
Submit your abstract [here](#)

Notification of acceptance: 25 September 2024  
Confirmation from speakers: by 1 October 2024

#### About the call: promoting interdisciplinarity

There is a metaphor common to most research on labour and digitalisation: the Panopticon. The philosopher Michel Foucault in his well-known monograph *“Discipline and Punish: the Birth of the Prison”* associates this ideal structure with the creation of the first factories. Today, this metaphor is of renewed interest in studying how digitalisation changes work. This inspired the Panoptiwork project, which is opening a call for abstracts for its closing conference organised at the University of Groningen. Scholars from any field researching at the intersection of labour and digitalisation are invited to submit their proposal through the submissions link provided in this document.

The organising committee values in particular proposals that meet the interdisciplinarity inspiring the Panoptiwork project. We welcome both single authored and co-authored proposals in the broad field of labour and digitalisation, for instance: *philosophy of work, labour economics, labour history, labour sociology, social computing, labour law, data protection, industrial relations*. As a reference, you can explore the interdisciplinarity we express [here](#). We are keen on receiving proposals from scholarship underrepresented in Panoptiwork.

We welcome abstract proposals of **max. 500 words**, to be submitted via this link: <https://forms.gle/x1ekp6YmQzxyZksw6>

**Conference website:**

<https://www.rug.nl/rechten/congressen/archief/2024/panoptiwork-conference/>

**Contact:** [panoptiwork@rug.nl](mailto:panoptiwork@rug.nl)

**Funding opportunities:** PhD students or researchers that obtained their PhD at the earliest in 2019 can apply in the form to receive financial support for travel and accommodation expenses. A dedicated section in the submissions form is available upon selection of the PhD/early career researcher status. We have a limited budget therefore in case of a high number of applicants we may proceed for a selection based on criteria that value the quality of the proposal and underrepresented groups.

The conference will hold parallel sessions, a keynote presentation, and discussion panels presenting an Issue on the Italian Labour Law e-Journal edited by Michele Molè, Wike Been and Beryl ter Haar.

## Outline of the day - 2 December 2024

**9.30 - 10.00**

Welcome by Panoptiwork and University of Groningen

**10.00-10.30**

Introductory keynote lecture  
[Speaker tbc]

**10.30-12.00**

Parallel sessions  
[Presenters selected from the Call for abstracts]

**12.00-13.00**

Lunch break

**13.00-14.30**

Parallel sessions  
[Presentation of the Special Journal Issue edited by Panoptiwork]

**14.30-15.00**

Coffee break

**15.00-16.00**

Plenary session

**16.00-16.30**

Conclusions

### What is Panoptiwork

Panoptiwork is a research and teaching project by the University of Groningen supported by YAG-SER Funding for interdisciplinary research. Panoptiwork holds monthly seminars from RUG and non-RUG researchers on labour and digitalisation, interdisciplinary research meetings for students, a blogpost series from students. Panoptiwork involves over 20 researchers from 7 different faculties of the University of Groningen. Website: [www.panoptiwork.eu](http://www.panoptiwork.eu)

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