SUSTAINABLE WORK IN EUROPE – A FUTURE CHALLENGE

Make SDG 8 Greener. A book launch
Session on Green transformation
Power of Change for Sustainable Development
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The challenges of digitalization, climate change and the pandemic – in a new geo-political context

- The first section focuses on the concept of sustainable work, its policy background and relation to job quality, inequalities, gender perspectives, older workers, senior employment.
- The second section highlights sustainable workplace innovations, digitalisation, and the green transformation.
- The final section covers implementation and the channels and methods to connect research, policies, and good practices.
- Kenneth Abrahamsson & Richard Ennals, eds. (2022) Peter Lang Publisher
Some highlights in the book Sustainable Work in Europe

- Sustainable work over the life-course by Franz F. Eiffe, Eurofound, Dublin
- Monotounos&repetitive work by Frank Pot, TNO/Radboud University
- Sustainable Work and the Circular Economy – a foresight by Annick Starren EU-OSHA, Bilbao
- Sustainable Work Innovations&Job Qualities, Chris Mathieu, Lund
- Sustainable Work and the Green Industrial Transformation by Ulrika Harlin&Mattias Elg et.al. RISE-Helix
- The European Unions in the Social dialogue by Anders Kjellberg, Lund
EU and the green deal agenda – a diverse mission

- fresh air, clean water, healthy soil and biodiversity
- renovated, energy efficient buildings
- healthy and affordable food
- more public transport
Integrating work in sustainable development

- cleaner energy and cutting-edge clean technological innovation
- longer lasting products that can be repaired, recycled and re-used
- future-proof jobs and skills training for the transition
- globally competitive and resilient industry
The many faces of sustainable work

- Sustainable work over the life-course
- Sustainable work and job quality & good jobs
- Sustainable workplace innovations & growth
- Green & low carbon jobs & circular economy
- Sustainable production systems and products
Future research challenges for Sustainable Work

- From traditional “green jobs” in agriculture, forestry, gardening to
- Green jobs in the circular economy: waste management & recycling to
- Green jobs to adapt to climate change and non-fossil energy systems to
- Green jobs in an intersectional perspective - gender, ethnicity, age etc to
- Green jobs and new work organisations & workplace innovation to
- Green jobs from a healthy and participatory angle
Sustainable and decent work at risk in Europe

- Employee hostile workplace innovations/"the precariat"
- European geopolitical threats
- Energy/electricity crises
- Inflation, job strain&poverty
- New health/pandemic threats
- Weak political&public support for green transformation
- New digital disruptions
Sources for further information

Thanks from Kenneth Abrahamsson & Richard Ennals; eds. Sustainable Work in Europe. Concepts, conditions, challenges

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