

Invitation to SOZNET-AK event**Shaping work in times of change.****Discussing the effects of precarious employment and work intensification on quality of work, productivity and workers' solidarity****Tuesday 23. April 2019, 5pm-6:30pm****Chamber of Labour (AK-Wien), Plößlgasse 2, 6.th floor, 1040 Vienna**

The diversity of employment patterns and new forms of work organisation pose important challenges for workers representation. Four short inputs give insights into current academic, political and union debates on how to reframe and practice solidarity in times of fragmented employment.

Welcome and Introduction

- Valeria Pulignano (K.U.Leuven): Precarity Between Old and New Forms of Work: Threat or Opportunity for Trade Unions or both ?
- Kirsty Newsome and Peter Nolan (Sheffield): Declining Productivity, Increasing Precarity: some reflections
- Vera Glassner (Chamber of Labour): Reflections on Challenges for Worker Solidarity in Austria
- Adele Siegl (works councillor, Foodora): Workers' Representation in the Gig Economy. Insights from the Shopfloor

Moderated discussion**Registration:** sp@akwien.at

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