

University of Guelph
College of Social and Applied Human Sciences
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

**Work, Gender and Change in a Global Context
Winter 2023**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Over the past few decades, the world of work has been undergoing rapid and profound transformation. Few people around the world have been left untouched by these changes. This course examines how work and labour markets have been transformed within the broader context of globalization, economic restructuring, and fundamental shifts in public policy. The course focuses on a range of theoretical frameworks and methodological approaches that have been used to explain and investigate work and labour market transformation as well as the impact of structural change on workplaces and on workers and their communities. A wide range of topics are explored, such as: changing patterns of employment in a comparative perspective; workplace reorganization, technology and the management of work; precariousness and the destandardization of the employment relationship; deindustrialization and the nature of the post-industrial economy; the international division of labour; labour migration; the privatization of work; unpaid and caring work; the public-private divide; the demise of the welfare state and changing forms of citizenship; worker organization and protest; and, transnational social movement unionism. The course focuses on the reconfiguration of class, gender, and race relations as central to work transformation under a global political economy.

REQUIRED READINGS

Required readings will be available either online, or on reserve through the Library system.

EVALUATION

Seminar Presentations

Seminar Participation

Final Paper

The evaluation scheme is subject to change prior to the release of the official course syllabus in January 2023.