**UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH**

**College of Social and Applied Human Sciences**

**Department of Sociology and Anthropology**

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**SOAN 3040 Globalization of Work and Organizations (.5)**

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**Class meetings:**  Thursday 7:00 – 9:50 PM **Location:**  ALEX218

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**Course Description:** This course examines work and occupations' social, economic, and political dimensions globally and locally. Paying particular attention to the present globalization process, the course will explore how ideas about work and occupations are transformed. We will examine different theoretical approaches and concepts used in the study of work. Using specific case studies, we will explore questions related to work, occupation and identity, industrial and post-industrial societies, technological change, and the effects of gender, age, and race/ethnicity on how work and employment are experienced. We will also pay attention to issues related to automation, alienation, consumerism, accommodation, and resistance.

**Format:** Lectures, documentaries, and group presentations.

**Course-Specific Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

* Define and explain the concepts of globalization, alienation, gender, work, and other critical concepts discussed throughout the semester.
* Demonstrate knowledge of the history of work and organizations.
* Apply basic sociological and anthropological concepts to analyzing issues related to working, organizations, and globalization.
* Understand and articulate various approaches to studying work and organizations, including ethnographic approaches, statistical analyses, and case studies.
* Identify how domestic issues related to work and consumption connect with global ones.
* Demonstrate and communicate knowledge of classical and contemporary theories relevant to the study of work and organizations.
* Develop professional communication competencies, time management skills, and intellectual curiosity.
* For more information, students are invited to refer to the broader departmental learning objectives, which can be found on the department website.

**Required Readings:**

Tsing, Anna (2021). *The Mushroom at the End of the World*. Princeton University Press

Select articles (electronic via ARES)

**Evaluation:**

Assignments will include written work, a group project, and online quizzes. Note that some class time will be devoted to working on your group assignment.