

Call for papers: Interlinked crises and the world of work

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed the fragility of socio-economic systems globally and revealed the extreme economic insecurity and vulnerability faced by people, especially in the world of work. While the labour market impacts of the pandemic are still being felt by many, the global economy and people's lives are currently being hit by further cascading crises. The climate crisis, military/political/social conflicts, ongoing disruptions to global supply chains, among others, have led to rising inflationary pressures and to intermittent situations of labour shortages and mass layoffs, further heightening uncertainty in labour markets and social security systems. The implications of today's multiple and interlinked crises for the world of work have exposed the weaknesses and limitations of the prevailing economic systems and highlighted entrenched inequality – factors which are impacting the well-being of workers and households in a complex manner.

In this context, the *International Labour Review* (ILR) invites the submissions of papers that analyse the responses to the impacts of multiple “**interlinked crises**” on people, especially in the world of work, considering:

- what policy alternatives have emerged or are required to respond effectively to situations of multiple crises and to build a “new and better normal” that is structurally sustainable in addressing interrelated risks and volatile changes;
- what regulatory strategies have been most promising towards strengthening and extending labour and social security rights to workers, including the unemployed affected by the crises; and
- what innovative strategies of collective worker organizations and voice, such as unions, informal associations, not-for-profit organizations and informal networks, have been effective in responding to the crises.

The ILR encourages submissions that make an important contribution to the research literature in this field of study and provide general lessons for policy, where appropriate.

The **Special Issue will be multidisciplinary** and will be published in English, French and Spanish.

Submissions are encouraged from all fields related to the world of work, such as economics, law, industrial relations, political science, social policy, sociology, psychosocial studies, environmental studies and history.

Submission process

The selection of the papers will take place in two phases. A first selection will be carried out by the ILR Editorial Board and Managing Editor and will be based on the submission of abstracts. The submission of abstracts should comply with the following guidelines:

- Abstracts should be in English, French or Spanish.
- Abstracts should be no more than 800 words long, containing the following elements: introduction/context, research question(s), data and methodology, and preliminary findings.

- Abstracts must be sent to revue@ilo.org indicating “Special Issue: **Interlinked crises and the world of work**” in the subject of the email.
- Deadline for abstract submission: **31 January 2023**.
- The selection will be based on the ILR editorial policy, available at: https://www.ilo.org/global/publications/journals/international-labour-review/WCMS_756761/lang-en/index.htm.

The authors of the selected abstracts will be informed by **28 February 2023** and invited to submit their papers by **30 June 2023**.

In the second phase, papers will be evaluated through a double-blind peer-review process.

The authors of the selected papers will have an opportunity to present their papers at a special session of the **8th Regulating for Decent Work Conference**, to be held in Geneva from **10–12 July 2023**.