

Precarious Work – Why Has it Risen? What Does it Mean? And What are Some Alternatives?

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Minijobs. Bogus self-employment. Fixed term jobs. Zero-hours contracts –these and other terms have entered everyday discourse in the last few years. And they reveal a frightening feature of today’s labor market: The specter of “precarity” has come to haunt a growing proportion of workers throughout much of the advanced capitalist world. Numerous studies reveal that a large and growing proportion of job growth involves precisely this kind of precarious work, in Europe, the United States, and Japan.



Although these developments have been much studied, the causes of this trend have remained unclear. In this talk, American sociologist Steven Vallas asks a number of questions: How can we explain these trends? What are their consequences, not only for individual workers but also for the societies in which we live? And how can the gnawing uncertainty that now shapes so much of everyday life best be addressed? Vallas hopes that by developing a comprehensive grasp of the precarization trend –both its causes and its socio-political consequences—we can begin to establish institutional structures with which to manage the tensions and contradictions that late modernity has spawned.

This event is organized by the Center for Leadership and Behavior in Organization as the second in the new annual Leadership Lectures series.

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