



# WeLaR Conference Call for Papers

## The Effects of Digitalisation, Globalisation, Climate Change and Demographic Shifts on Labour Markets and Welfare States in the European Union

23 May, 2024 | Leuven, Belgium

The Horizon Europe project WeLaR will host a conference on the effects of global trends on European labour markets and welfare states. We will examine how *digitalisation, globalisation, demographic shifts, and climate change* drive structural changes in skills demand and supply, job quality, and working conditions. We will also discuss their social impacts, for instance on inequality and well-being. Researchers from all social science fields are invited to contribute and participate. Both quantitative and qualitative studies are welcome.

### Keynote Speaker

Agnieszka CHŁOŃ-DOMIŃCZAK

We welcome contributions addressing the implications of digitalisation, globalisation, climate change, and demographic shifts on various aspects, encompassing but not limited to:

- Heterogenous labour market and distributional impacts of these megatrends
- Work-related migration and skills
- Spatial convergence / divergence
- Inequalities and intersectionality
- Technology, skills and human capital
- EU economic governance, trade
- Social policy, social protection systems

Covering the combined impact of two or more of the driving forces – digitalisation, globalisation, climate change and demographic shifts – is considered an added value. We welcome contributions from PhD students and early-stage academics.

### Submissions

Please submit your paper or an extended abstract (approximately 800 words) along with i) paper title, ii) name(s) of the author(s), and iii) affiliation and the email address of the presenting author by **1 March 2024** to Laurène Thil (laurene.thil@kuleuven.be). Abstracts should include the following elements: introduction, methodology, major findings, implications and keywords.

### Key Dates

March 1, 2024 – Deadline for abstract submission  
March 22, 2024 – Decisions on acceptance  
April 1, 2024 – Registration deadline for presenting attendees  
May 16, 2024 – Registration for all attendees  
May 23 and 24, 2024 – Conference in Leuven

### Scientific Committee:

Mikkel Barslund (HIVA – KU LEUVEN), Karolien Lenaerts (HIVA – KU LEUVEN), Laurène Thil (HIVA – KU Leuven), Piotr Lewandowski (IBS), Ludvine Martin (LISER), Cristiano Perugini (UNIPG), Ursula Holtgrewe (ZSI), Slavina Spasova (OSE), Holger Stichnoth (ZEW)

Registration: <https://hiva.kuleuven.be/en/calendar/forms/WeLaR23-24052023/view>



WeLaR is an interdisciplinary research project examining the impact of four megatrends – digitalisation, globalisation, climate change and demographic shifts – on labour markets and welfare states in Europe.

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