



# WeLaR Conference

**The effects of digitalisation, globalisation, climate change and demographic shifts on labour markets and welfare states in the European Union**

**12 June 2025 | 9:00 AM – 4:45 PM CET | Hotel Thon EU, Brussels**

09:00 – 09:30 am Registration and coffee

09:30 – 09:40 am **Welcome, introduction to the project and the conference**

09:40 – 10:40 am **Keynote by Professor Francesco Vona (University of Milan)**

10:40 – 11:00 am *Coffee break*

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Session 1**  
**Digitalisation, automation and the future of work**  
*Chair: Mikkel Barslund*

**Piotr Lewandowski**  
Workers' Exposure to AI Across Development

**Sabrina Genz**  
Bargaining for the Future: Collective Agreements and Firm-Level Automation Decisions

**Tommaso Ciarli**  
Advertised Technologies: Identifying Adoption of Emerging Technologies in Online Job Postings

**Session 2**  
**Training, qualifications and social innovations**  
*Chair: Ilda Durri*

**Elisabeth Felbermair**  
Öko-Booster: Training Young Immigrants as Skilled Workers for the Energy Transition in Vienna

**Ursula Holtgrewe**  
Repair, Resistance, Transformation and What Lies in Between: How Social Innovations Articulate Megatrends and Navigate Social Policies

**Angela Ulrich**  
Career Guidance in Working Life as an Socio-Political Approach to Adapting Professional Qualifications to Transformation: A Qualitative Stakeholder Study

**Session 3**  
**Technological change and work**  
*Chair: Karolien Lenaerts*

**Mantej Singh Pardesi**  
Technology, Capital Vintages and Training - Role of Capital Investments in Firm's Skill Formation Strategy

**Roman Klauser**  
The Rise of Digital Technologies and their Impact on Demand for Labor and Skills

**Alireza Sabouniha**  
Offshoring, Technological Change, Labour Market Institutions and the Demand for Typical and Atypical Employment in Europe

**Ekaterina Prytkova**  
The Employment Impact of Emerging Digital Technologies



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01:00 – 02:00 pm *Lunch break*

02:00 – 03:00 pm

**Session 4**  
**Climate change, green transitions and labour markets**  
*Chair: Piotr Lewandowski*

**Jessica Wiest**  
Wages in the Green Transition

**Cesar Barreto**  
The “Clean Energy Transition” and the Cost Of Job Displacement in Energy-Intensive Industries

**Session 5**  
**Social policy, welfare preferences and inequality**  
*Chair: Laurène Thil*

**Fabrizio Pompei**  
Reforms and In-Work Poverty in the EU

**Marko Vladislavljević**  
Income Inequality, Voting, and Preferences for Redistribution in Europe

**Session 6**  
**Remote work, telework and new work modalities**  
*Chair: Ursula Holtgrewe*

**Frederic de Wispelaere**  
Teleworking Frontier Workers and Digital Nomads: Not Here to Stay After All?

**Ilse Tobback**  
Telework Preferences Among Students and New Entrants to the Labour Market: A Stated Preference Experiment

03:00 – 03:30 pm *Coffee break*

03:30 – 04:30 pm

**Nicola Gagliardi**  
The Productivity Impact of Global Warming: Firm-Level Evidence for Europe

**Pol Barbé**  
Measuring Investment in Education to Advance Social Investment in Europe

**Jelena Reljic**  
The Impact of Robots on Workplace Injuries and Deaths: Empirical Evidence from Europe

**Toon Vandyck**  
Amplifying Rigidities: Revisiting Economic Impacts of Climate Policy Under Imperfect Labour Markets

**Jaewook Lee**  
How Does the Macroeconomic Context and Employment Prospects Affect Support for Welfare Chauvinism? Evidence from a New Survey

**Jarne Heylen**  
The Impact of Telework Modalities on Psychosocial Risks in the Digital Age: Revealing Trends and Socio-Demographic Disparities

04:30 – 04:45 pm *Concluding remarks*

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# WeLaR Conference

## Meeting venue

Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 75, 1040 Brussels

**Located in the heart of the European district in Brussels.**

## Conference language

The working language of the conference is English. No simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

## Registration

Participation in the conference is free of charge, but registration is required.

Please complete your registration via [this link](#) before **5 June 2025**.

## Cancellation

Cancellations must be made in writing to the conference secretariat at: [inge.vanderwaeren@kuleuven.be](mailto:inge.vanderwaeren@kuleuven.be)

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