

MOVING BEYOND COVID-19

AN MLC ONLINE SEMINAR SERIES

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected our societies, taking away the lives of thousands of people and changing dramatically the lives of millions. Throughout history, pandemics often proved to transcend economic and social status, triggering processes that worked towards the levelling of economic and social inequality. This time, however, that might not be the case. At first glance, it appears that Covid-19 has catalysed and sharpened inequalities globally, rather than triggering any instinctive departure from established paradigms. The possibility of the pandemic leading to any redistributive effects, therefore, depends upon whether structurally different political choices can be consciously considered and actively pursued to counteract the aggressive consolidation and enhancement of the systemic status quo.

The Moving Labour Collective (MLC), a community of academics and researchers open to trade unionists and social activists, aims to contribute to the international debate with four theme-based online seminars.

The Challenges of Labour through the Voice of Labour and Social Activists

8 June 2020 – h 17.00-19.00 CET

The pandemic exposed, exacerbated, and furthered labour fragmentation. New found divisions entered the established narrative (essential v non-essential workers), health and safety concerns were brought to the fore, while a multitude of challenges faced workers, as labour market forces seized the chance to consolidate managerial power and further promote 'liberalisation' and flexibility. These, however, were not met without reaction. Workers have already quickly sought new ways of organising and raising their collective voice, as a first push-back to the first signs of the major challenges ahead. This session invites trade union organisers and labour and social activists to lead the discussion, sharing their experiences and insights and, perhaps, indicating the way forward.

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Daria Bogdanska (*Malmö LS - SAC*)

Labour Activist & Migrant Worker Organiser (Sweden)

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Actress (theatre; film; TV) & Activist. Member of the 'Support Art Workers' initiative (Greece)

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Arianna Tassinari (*European University Institute*)

Comparative political economist (PhD) specialised in the politics of industrial relations, labour market regulation and social policy. Researcher and Activist. Max Weber Fellow 2019-2020 at the European University Institute (EUI)

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All online seminars are organised on **Zoom**.

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