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zum Vortrag von

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Financing the End of Work: Reflections on the Development of Precarious Work Societies

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Zum Vortrag:

The purpose of this lecture is to look at global financialisation and how it changes the structural conditions from which inequalities in the shape of precarious work emerge. While it is usually automation and technological advancements that are identified as major threats to forms of employment, Ebert argues in this paper that financialisation has become an equally threatening, but maybe less visible factor. The financialisation of employment changes the dynamic between labour and capital. Labour is not only locally squeezed for more productivity, but is transformed into capital for global investment. And yet, employment as a form of social integration remains the defining norm of local work societies. The result is global inequalities based on a normative conflict between employment and investment. It is this conflict that defines the structural condition of what Ebert calls precarious work societies.

Zum Vortragenden:

Norbert Ebert is currently a Senior Lecturer at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. He works closely with the Institute for Social Research at Frankfurt University (Frankfurt School) and the Department of Sociology at Hamburg University on the social consequences of financialisation. His research is positioned in the area of critical social theory and aims to develop theoretical concepts that help to capture and normatively critique the social dynamics of contemporary societies. He researches questions of individualisation, social differentiation and integration and how they can help to sociologically understand and critique social trends and changes in all areas of late modern societies. He applies these concepts in particular in the areas of economic and political Sociology. Most recently, he is working on the concepts of 'Hyper-differentiation', 'The Precarious Work Society' and the 'The Social Theory of Work'.