University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Change of work in the context of digitization and automation, PG_00179433						
Field of study	Sociology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2027		Academic year of realisation of subject		2028/2029		
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	3		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Bartosz Mika				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		4.0		16.0	50
Subject objectives	The course aims to acquaint students with contemporary trends in the labor market. Examples from the local market, European markets, and global markets will be considered. Changes in work will be presented in light of new findings in the sociology of work.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[SOCMU2_W08] The graduate has in-depth knowledge and understanding of multidirectional changes in the range of various social structures and institutions and their elements, has knowledge about the causes, course and consequences of these changes in the micro- and macrosocial scale and in the global scale	The student has in-depth knowledge and understanding of multidirectional changes in the labour market and its institutions. The student has in-depth knowledge about the causes, course and consequences of these changes.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[SOCMU2_U01] The graduate is able to interpret social phenomena and relations between them using sociological concepts and sociological imagination	The student is able to interpret social phenomena related to work and the relationships between technological, economic, and social factors shaping them.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[SOCMU2_U03] The graduate is able to analyse the causes and course of social processes and phenomena, to formulate his/her own opinions on the subject, to formulate research hypotheses and to verify them using the methods of sociological research	The student is able to analyze the course of social changes related to work and formulate his or her own opinion on the subject.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU5] implementation of a problem task
[SOCMU2_K03] The graduate is ready to participate in the preparation of social projects and is able to predict the intended and unintended social consequences of his/her actions	The student is ready to participate in the preparation of expertise and research projects relating to the transformation of the labour market. The student is able to predict the effects of changes in the labour market.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work

Subject contents

- From the Mechanical Turk to Major Motoko Kusanagi: The Various Faces of Technology.
- Industry 4.0: Will Robots Take Our Jobs?
- More on Robots and Work.
- Platforms as the Future of Work.
- Digital Monopolies.
- Inequalities on Platforms.
- Will Technology Save Us?

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Formal: sociology student status, promotion to the third semester of studies, choice of faculty.

Preliminary: Basic knowledge of economics, economic sociology, and labour sociology.

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Project / research paper.	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Zajęcia 2. Materiały audio: Ha-Joon Chang - Economics for People Odcinek 6 Will Robots Take Your Job? http://www.hetwebsite.net/het/video/chang.htm#ep6 Śledziewska, K., Włoch, R. Podcast: Gospodarka cyfrowa. Jak nowe technologie zmieniają świat. Zajęcia 3. Moody, Kim 2018, High Tech, Low Growth: Robots and the Future of Work Historical Materialism Vol. 26.4 334 Zajęcia 4. Azzellini, D. et. al., 2022, Why platform capitalism is not the future of work, Work in the Global Economy, vol 2(2): 272289 Zajęcia 5 Zygmuntowski Jan, 2020, Kapitalizm sieci, Warszawa, RozRuch, Rozdział 2 Zajęcia 6. James Al, 2022, Women in the gig economy: feminising digital labour, Work in the Global Economy Vol 2(1): 226 Zajęcia 7. Hickel J. 2020, Less is MOre. How Degrowth Will Save The World, Penguin, Rozdział 3
	Supplementary literature	Benanav Aaron, 2020, Automation and the Future of Work, Londyn-Nowy Jork, Verso Smith Jason E., 2020, Smart Machines and Service Work. Automation in an Age of Stagnation, Londyn, Reaktion Books Srnicek Nick, 2016, Platform Capitalism, Cambridge, Polity Press
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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