PERSPECTIVES ON THE CHANGING WORKPLACE: NEGOTIATING PRECARITY AND POSSIBILITY



In this class we will examine multiple perspectives on the meaning of work in an era of precarious employment and flexible work practices. Through reading and analysis of personal memoirs, organizational communication scholarship and popular self-help writings, we will explore such questions as: What are the consequences of the 'Gig' economy, emerging technologies, and other trends on people's work experiences? How do people construct work meanings in the context of increasing emphasis on productivity and efficiency? How does work inform a sense of self-worth and the construction of personal and collective identities?

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