COURSE DETAIL

SOCIOLOGY OF LABOR AND TECHNOLOGY
Country Korea, South
Host Institution Korea University
Program(s) Korea University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology
UCEAP Course Number 104
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title SOCIOLOGY OF LABOR AND TECHNOLOGY
UCEAP Transcript Title SOC LABOR TECH
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

This course explores the relationship between technology and human labor, with a special interest in its socio-political implications. Technological change is one of the fundamental drives that has shaped the modern economy. From factories, railroads, telegraphs, electricity, and petrochemical Industrial Revolution to the contemporary bio-digital revolution, technological changes have had profound impact on how human labor is organized, mobilized, utilized, and exploited. Technological changes have affected humans-tools relationship; created new breeds of workers (e.g. “proletariat class,” “white-collars,” “knowledge-workers,” “clinical laborers or bio-surrogates,” “platform workers,” and many kinds of invisible workers (such as undocumented immigrants) and changed work-place environments.

Though technological changes are often recognized as (and indeed they are) “progress,” they also interact with and exacerbate the existing social inequalities and injustices and undermine the hard-won labor rights. The course focuses on market labor but will also include relevant discussions on non-market labor (such as households). The course also discusses broader structural changes such as economic globalization and its work implications.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
SOCI365

Host Institution Course Title
SOCIOLOGY OF LABOR

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Sociology

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