



A workers' agenda for e-commerce

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Technologists argue that there will be as much innovation between today and 2021, as there were between 1980 and today. Technological change is running faster than we can adapt to; so, will we find ourselves jobless soon? Why Big Tech argues that e-commerce is a big opportunity for SMEs and developing countries? Does e-commerce benefit African workers more than American ones? We will debate these and other questions about the impacts of AI and algorithms on the workplace, the ideal rulebook for global e-commerce, the effects of online platforms' employment model on income inequality, and 'innovative' solutions from the past that can keep the neo-Luddites at bay. Leading thinkers from the trade union movement will present where workers stand. With only a few panel speakers, this session aims at discussing these matters mostly with the audience.

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