Overcoming the structural, spatial and temporal dimensions of human work and employment interferences in complex ecosystems has received ongoing attention from researchers for decades and is the subject of ardent debate. Digital transformation, for example, the process of adopting new digital technologies to create new or modify existing business processes, is rapidly changing work and the nature of work, where, when and how people work. These changes have been evolving over the last decades toward mobility and flexibility of workers. The trend towards a more flexible, mobile working model, whilst holding significant advantages for global and local economies, environment and ultimately, alternative work models, also replacing ‘jobs’ with ‘tasks’ and influencing employment relationships by reshaping them or creating new ones, but they all are characterised by increased flexibility and ‘labour on demand’. This trend is enhanced by transient migration due to the global movement of people for work, overall low market stability, and new economic models, including the platform economy, which creates a parallel dimension to the traditional service industry. The platform economy is becoming an important source of income for people on the move in both developed and developing countries (European Training Foundation 2019) and reduces barriers in finding opportunities to engage in productive activity. As an unintended consequence, it may promote inclusion for women, persons with disabilities, people in remote areas, and migrant and transient workers.

Moreover, the platform economy has enabled jobs to be flexible, translocated, transitory, temporarily transient, thus enabling the creation of entirely new types of work such as digital, virtual and transient labour.

We have very little information on how transient migrants cope with these changes. Thus, this special issue will address the question how mobile and flexible work create value in work for the transient worker, their coping mechanisms, how the boundaries between play and work connected with the consumptions and co-creation of goods and services are altered as well as how these new trends affect the private life, family life, networks, sense of belonging and identity of individual transient migrant individuals and communities.

Special consideration will be given to papers that focus on contemporary dynamics of the future of work, the platform economy and transient migrants and related to one or more of the following themes:

- New employment relationships
- Adaptation
- Security
- Social inclusion/exclusion
- Emotional well-being
- Sense of community
- Meaning making
- Support networks
- Private life
- Family life
- Sense of belonging
- Identity
- Wellbeing
- New forms of work
- Place and space

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