



**Call for Papers**  
**Countervailing Platform Power: Regulation, Organizing and Intersectional Solidarities**

26-27 June 2025  
Scuola Normale Superiore, Palazzo Strozzi, Florence

**Overview and Themes**

The rapid expansion of digital platforms has profoundly reshaped labor markets, social movements, and economic structures. While platformization has exacerbated labor precarity and power asymmetries, new forms of institutional responses and collective resistance have emerged to challenge these dynamics. This conference aims to engage with the role of migration and gender in platformized economies and labor markets, while discussing the ways by which platform power can be challenged. This includes regulation, grassroots and labor organizing, intersectional solidarities and alternative technological infrastructures.

This two day conference will bring together scholars, activists, unionists, and technologists. We invite contributions from across disciplines that engage with the regulatory, organizational, and technological dimensions of countervailing platform power. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

**1. Migration, Gender, and Digital Platforms**

- Platform labor and migrant workers: opportunities, challenges, and resistance
- Case studies of gendered, racialized or intersectional platform work
- Discrimination, bias, and surveillance in algorithmic labor management
- Migrant networks and migrant regulations and their impacts on platform work

**2. The Platform Work Directive and the Politics of Regulation**

- European Platform Work Directive and national regulations
- Role of national governments and social partners in shaping platform labor regulation
- Comparative perspectives on platform work regulation beyond Europe
- Challenges of algorithmic management and data governance in labor platforms
- Platformization, precariousness and informal work

### 3. Social Movements and Unions in the Digital Age

- Platform worker organizing and the role of unions in digital labor struggles
- Emergence of grassroots mobilizations against platform capitalism
- Strategies for transnational labor solidarity in platformized industries
- Role of digital tools and infrastructures in labor activism
- Collective bargaining experiments in the platform economy

### 4. Digital Commons, Platform Cooperatives, Decentralized Autonomous Organizations (DAOs), and AI for the People

- Platform cooperativism and the challenges of scaling democratic alternatives
- DAOs and blockchain governance
- AI for the people and cooperative AI
- Digital commons and cooperative data governance
- Digital cooperatives

#### Submission Guidelines

We invite abstracts of up to **300 words**, outlining the research question, methodology, and main arguments. Please submit your abstracts via our Google Form and fill out all the relevant information.

**Google Form Link:** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nW24y0V-4Zce4DyxuMBgZBc8kzJIsOPmSUhUBm0VE7o/edit>

**Deadline for submissions: 1st of April**

**Notification of acceptance: Mid April**

We encourage submissions from early-career researchers, activists, and practitioners, and welcome all perspectives. It is not required to submit your full papers in advance.

Our conference is free of charge, while participants are encouraged to explore funding to cover their accommodation and travel costs. For cases with no funding, limited travel grants may be available for selected participants.

If you have any questions, please reach out to one of the organizers:

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We look forward to welcoming you to Florence!

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