

**Looking to add more
recent scholarship on
labor and technology to
your syllabus?**

**Here are some
publications by junior and
precarious scholars!**

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This zine contains a selection of work by junior and precarious members of the LaborTech Research Network.

We invite you to engage with work listed in this zine in whatever way feels most comfortable to you, including (but not limited to) adding new titles to your syllabi, sharing the zine with colleagues, etc.

What is LaborTech? How can I be involved?

We are scholars, tech workers (broadly conceived), union organizers, policy makers, lawyers, journalists, non-profit researchers, artists, activists, and more. You can learn more about our work and join us at labortechresearchnetwork.org

FAQs

Q: How did you select the work featured in this zine?

A: As part of our plans for the Making and Doing session for the 4S 2026 Conference in Toronto, we sent out an email to the LaborTech list, asking members to share recent publications. It is far from an exhaustive list of all recent publications on labor and technology (even from LaborTech members), but we hope that it provides several starting points if you're looking to engage with recent scholarship by junior and precarious scholars!

Q: How can I print the zine to share?

A: Save it as a PDF, open it in Adobe, and print it as a booklet. Then fold it down the middle, and you should be all set!

Q: I'd like to add a publication to this zine. How can I do so, and when will I see it update?

A: The last page of this zine contains more information on how you can share a publication to be added. We hope to update the zine periodically!

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