



Capturing Our Future

How WTO is helping Big Tech Corporations to Take Over the World of Work

A Webinar by
the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
and the New Economics Foundation (NEF)

8.30am (Washington DC) / 2.30pm (Brussels) / 8.30pm (Singapore)

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Eighty-four Members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) are negotiating a plurilateral trade agreement on e-commerce. The negotiations have little to do with e-commerce itself and even less with trade. The WTO negotiations are aiming at constructing a global data governance that would further empower the positions of technology giants and data companies on the expense of workers rights, wages, democracy, and privacy.

The ITUC published a report written by Duncan McCann of the New Economics Foundation that reveals how current textual proposals, if agreed, would harm global labour in many ways: from increasing precarious platform work and creating massive governance gaps to applying workplace surveillance.

Join us on July 1 at 8.30am (Washington DC) / 2.30pm (Brussels) / 8.30pm (Singapore) to discuss

- The report's findings with regards to the workplace, quality of employment, industrialization for developing countries, platform work and other areas
- How a WTO agreement could lead to exacerbating inequality, increasing labour market polarization, and monopolies
- How Big Tech is taking advantage of the COVID-19 crisis to capture more data and increase their power

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