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THE COUNCIL REPORT (2017) STATES EU AND MEMBER STATE INDUSTRIAL AND LABOR POLICIES (VIZ. GROWTH, WORKER TRAINING) ARE INADEQUATE FOR ADDRESSING "THE FUTURE OF WORK".

DISCUSSIONS WILL REASSES ECONOMIC POLICIES AND MEASURES FOR THEIR EFFECT IN SUSTAINING A MERITORIOUS WORKFORCE ON THE CONTINENT UNDER NEW LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS.

- WHAT ARE PREMISES (WITHIN EU, AUSTRIA) FOR FULL (JOB) EMPLOYMENT POLICY INTO AN ERA OF INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF DIVERSE ALTERNATIVE AUTONOMOUS (EXPERT SYSTEMS) PRODUCTIVE MEANS? WHAT CONSTITUTES “FULL EMPLOYMENT¹” (FOR ALL MIXES OF LABOR) AS DIGITAL, AI, ROBOTICS, 3-D FABRICATION, ETC.) REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL?

¹ The 2000, Lisbon European Council agreed on the new strategic goal of making the EU ‘the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world’, embracing full employment as an overarching objective of employment and social policy, and on concrete targets to be achieved by 2010 (the [Lisbon strategy](#)).

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- WHAT REVISIONS IN DEFINITION OF WORK, AND FULL EMPLOYMENT, ARE NECESSARY THAT ENLARGE THE SPECTRUM OF PURPOSEFUL, GAINFUL, BENEFICIAL WORK WITH CIVIL SOCIETY AS AUTONOMOUS TECHNOLOGIES (EXPERT SYSTEMS) PROLIFERATE IN DIVERSE SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY AND CIVIL SOCIETY?
- HOW TO RESTATE “STANDARD OF LIVING” IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC TERMS FOR MEASURING TRENDS IN QUALITY OF HUMAN CONDITION AMIDST ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENT, AND ADJUSTMENTS TO TECHNOLOGY?

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- HOW TO INTEGRATE SOCIAL INDICES (SOCIAL PROGRESS INDEX, CIVIL SOCIETY INDEX, OECD SOCIAL INDICATORS, DISTRESS INDEX, etc.) IN EVALUATING ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE²?
- HOW TO INSTITUTIONALIZE AND INCREASE THE PRESENCE OF NGO AND VOLUNTEER SECTORS AS VALUED COMPONENTS IN AFFORDING PURPOSEFUL, GAINFUL, AND FOR CIVIL SOCIETY BENEFICIAL WORK?

² International Sociological Association Working Group / Research Committee on Social Indicators Heinz-Herbert Noll & Alex C. Michalos; see [here](#).

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- WHAT ALTERNATE “COMPENSATION” TERMS CAN BE ASSOCIATED WITH NONE-WAGE COMMUNAL WORK?
- WHAT RELEVANT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES ARE IN PREPARATION WITHIN THE EU AND AUSTRIA FOR NOVEL FORMS OF WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT BEYOND JOBS?
- WHAT ALTERNATIVE SOCIAL COMPENSATION MEANS SUIT FUTURE NON-MARKET BASED WORK?



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