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勞動、文化與社會的平台化

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「當平台文化發生轉變時,無論是成為主流、遊走於邊緣,還是被 邊緣化,它也會改變人們對它的看法,並改變平台擁有者對各種

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推動和拉動因素的反應。不過,我認為結構才是更重要的。」—— 克里斯托·阿比丁教授

「我傾向於把〔平台〕保持在一個比較概括的層面上……而且我傾向 於讓這個概念保持一些模糊性,否則,你就無法涵蓋各種多樣性和 差異性。……因為平台也是一種理想和模式。它不僅是政治經濟的 一部分,也是道德經濟的一部分。」——尼爾斯·范多恩教授 Communication and Society, 72 (2025), 1-41

Dialogue

Mapping the Platformization of Labor, Culture, and Society

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Abstract

The past decade has witnessed a burgeoning body of research on platforms and platformization in communication studies and other social sciences disciplines. Much work has been written about how platforms have transformed labor relations and cultural practices. This dialogue invites Professors Crystal Abidin and Niels Van Doorn to reflect on the opportunities and challenges of

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studying the platformization of labor, culture, and society. It took place after the two-day International Conference on Sustainability and Sustainable Media—which celebrated the 60th anniversary of the School of Journalism and Communication at The Chinese University of Hong Kong—in early January 2025. Both Professors Abidin and Van Doorn spoke at a panel titled "Sustainability and the Future of Work on Digital Platforms," where they critically assessed various forms of inequalities and challenges facing the global communities of creators and platform workers. Building on their presentations and reflections on their longitudinal ethnographic research, they share their academic journey into internet culture and platform studies. Their conversation highlights how the fuzziness of the platform concept can be a generative starting point—rather than an obstacle—for theorizing the multifaceted negotiations between various actors in particular institutional and cultural contexts through interdisciplinary approaches. They also share practical tips for early-career scholars and graduate students navigating the field of platform studies.

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