

Precarious employment and occupational health: Regulatory challenges and invisibility of health consequences

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Over the past decade, many studies describing trends in work-related injury and illness have observed a reduction in the costs and frequency of episodes of disability due to work-related causes, suggesting progress in workplace efforts to protect the health of workers. Yet studies of precarious employment suggest the opposite conclusion, that precarious work arrangements, which have become more prevalent over the past two decades, are associated with greater exposure to hazards and higher injury rates. Prof. Katherine Lippel will offer reflections on this contradiction, by focusing on the varying definitions of precarious employment and their diverse implications for eligibility for workers' compensation coverage and for protection under occupational health and safety legislation. Her presentation will analyze those aspects of labour protection and income security policies that contribute to the invisibility of the health consequences of precarious employment.



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