

The challenges of jobless growth and technological unemployment in the context of automated work.

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Abstract

Current discourse about robotics and autonomous systems (RAS) is couched in terms of jobless growth and technological unemployment resulting in greater inequality (Peters 2017). However, assessments are mixed, with some observers suggesting that persistent technological unemployment will deepen inequality, whereas others expect employment to rise again after a short period of economic and work restructuring that will readdress inequality (Peters 2017). This paper will discuss the challenges that RAS raises for social policy in terms of supporting a sustainable and inclusive society.