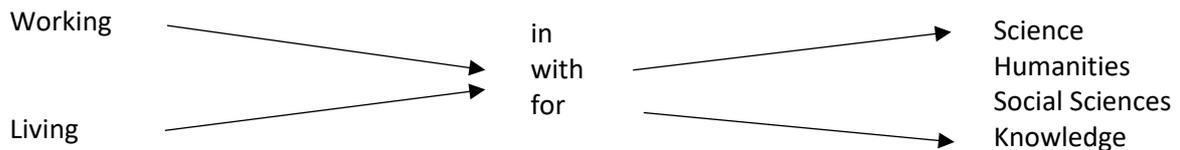




## CALL FOR PAPERS: SPECIAL ISSUE OF ZOON POLITIKON



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The social worlds (Becker, Strauss) of Knowledge Production and its institutional cradle – the academic universe (as well as the industrial and military research laboratories in the last centuries) were the area of human activities, perceived as a driving force of the development of Western civilization. Those working environments are not only the spaces of creative activities and the transfer of specific knowledge to the next generations but also the dynamic areas of various struggles. In the last decades, researchers frequently communicated about the intense changes which have occurred inside their professional worlds. Those changes concern the values, quality of collaborations, the ways of knowledge transmission, the publication process, work ethics etc. Academia, as well as the whole universe of knowledge production, seems to be touched by widely spread commodification mechanisms, publish or perish rule, the impact factor and various indexes regimes. In the states where this activity area is regulated by governments, permanent reforms impact on the context and the content of the scientific and academic output.

These modifications are occurring in different parts of the world in various ways affecting the work and life of scientist and academics. Some seem to have a widely-spread impact (publish or perish; H-factor regime), others only local (complex career trajectory before tenured position, trends to publish only in the English language in humanities).

Quantitative evaluation of an output of a scholar (the indexes, points, numbers) have replaced the qualitative assumptions based on the critical discussion of specialists on the problems and topics which are the fruits of the scientific/academic work. The long-lasting relations of trust and collaborations gave room to the extreme competitions. The precarity and short-term projects/contracts touch the researchers at each stage of their career. Those transformations are pointed out as the negative effects of last decades changes. Several actions (protests, boycotts, manifestos and even strikes) were organized by researchers around the world.

How those reactions influence the current dynamics of transformations? How scientists/academics maintain their activity in such a dynamic environment? And finally, were in the past the universities and research laboratories the places in which Mertonian values, such as universalism, and communalism were respected? What does being a researcher or academic mean today – from its starting point (Master and PhD student), via post-doc to the tenured (if? when?) scholar?

We are inviting papers that might address, among other topics, the following areas:

- present as well as the past universe of work – research and academic institutions – from different perspectives and different settings;
- the case studies, ethnographical investigations, autoethnographies, comparative research, historical analysis, studies including *longue durée* perspective;
- micro-mezzo and macro dimensions (with the preference for the articles which will include the researcher's/academic perspective/situation).

Our goal is to continue the current critical discussions, focusing on the present situation (precarity, work conditions, career-making, organizational and institutional dynamics, discriminations, geographic mobility, internationalization, the commodification of relationships – mentoring, competitions) but from the time and space – *longue durée*/large perspective. In this way, we hope to better understand the universe in which we are working and living now – our social world of scholars/scientists.

### **Submission guidelines**

Papers may be submitted electronically to the editorial board ([zoonpolitikon@civitas.edu.pl](mailto:zoonpolitikon@civitas.edu.pl)) until the deadline of **17<sup>th</sup> May 2020**. Authors may send in their ideas and queries to the SI editors at [izabela.wagner@civitas.edu.pl](mailto:izabela.wagner@civitas.edu.pl). Papers should be no more than **10,000 words**, including references in **APA style**, and will be blind-reviewed following the journal's standard review process. Manuscripts should be prepared according to the guidelines published on the journal's website: <http://www.ejournals.eu/Zoon-Politikon/>.

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