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OU economics seminar: essential for what? A global social reproduction view on the re-organisation of work during COVID-19

Lockdowns around the world at the start of the pandemic saw all but essential workers stay at home. Despite their new essential status, employers and authorities were slow to ensure adequately safe working conditions for many of them.

But what exactly is essential work? Has this new category changed the way these workers are valued in society? How does the category of essential work differ between countries of the Global North and the Global South? And what does this mean for the way that work is organised?

Dr Sara Stevano of SOAS, University of London, and Dr Michal Nahman of The University of the West of England and curator of the This is Essential Work online exhibition will share research and artwork into the question of essential work from feminist perspectives. Join us on 22 June at 5pm to explore these and many more questions.