



ILM term card for Lent 2024



Location of meetings: The Boardroom at the [Department of Sociology](#)

Time of meetings: 4:30pm – 6:00pm (followed by an optional trip to a nearby pub)

Session 1 – Thursday 18th January

Theme: Work & hope. Examining two recent articles that use the concept of ‘hope’ as a lens to explore the experiences of workers in creative industries.

Readings:

- *Keep hoping, keep going’: Towards a hopeful sociology of creative work.* Ana Alacovska (2019)
- *Hope labour and the psychic life of cultural work.* Ewan Mackenzie and Alan McKinlay (2021)

Session 2 – Thursday 15th February

Theme: Women in the labour market. Celebrating Claudia Goldin being awarded the Nobel Prize for Economics, we look at a few chapters from her most recent book *Career and Family: Women’s Century-Long Journey toward Equity*.

Readings:

- *Career and Family: Women’s Century-Long Journey toward Equity.* Claudia Goldin (2021): Chapters 1, 8 & 10

Session 3 – Thursday 14th March

Theme: Contemporary professions and occupations. Drawing on two recent empirical studies, we consider the changing nature of professions and occupations and their impacts on skills and identities.

Readings:

- *Data Scientists’ Identity Work: Omnivorous Symbolic Boundaries in Skills Acquisition.* Netta Avnoon (2021)
- *Uberizing the Legal Profession? Lawyer Autonomy and Status in the Digital Legal Market.* Yao Yao (2020)