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Title: Amazon in Poland: Warehousing and the Remaking of Work

Abstract:

What happens to a region when a logistics giant arrives? This lecture takes Amazon's warehouses in Poland as a window onto some of the larger transitions reshaping the contemporary work and life.

- (1) In the first part, we tell the story of these sites: how they were built in and in which areas, who works in them, and what daily life inside and around them looks like. We will outline how the workplace's presence redefines not only work itself, but also family life, gender relations, aspirations and identities in the surrounding communities — and why people are drawn to these jobs even as they find them hard.
- (2) In the second part, we step back and ask what this case shows us about the world transitions and introduce a number of key ideas that help make sense of how work is organised across borders today.