

Press Release

More than 50 international experts in healthy time policies will participate in the Time Use Week 2020

Participants such as Carl Honoré and Judy Wajcman and representatives of the International Labour Organization, the European Trade Union Confederation, the 4-day Week Foundation, among others, both local and international, will take part. It will be held in Barcelona from 23 to 27 November through a digital platform. Registration is open.

Under the motto **Building a new global agenda**, it is the first time an international event is organized to talk about time policies in a multidisciplinary way, with the participation of chronobiologists, unions, employers representatives, companies, public administrations of all levels, time use researchers, etc.

The **Time Use Week 2020**, which will take place from 23 to 27 November virtually through a single digital platform, is intended to be a meeting and debate place so to collectively answer key questions around time policies, based on a common goal: **building a global discourse on time policies, which will provide greater well-being to citizens, aligned with the new socio-economic context and the 2030 Agenda.**

This meeting is organised by **The Barcelona Time Use Initiative for a Healthy Society**, with the collaboration of **Barcelona City Council, the Generalitat of Catalonia (Catalan Regional Government), the Barcelona Metropolitan Area and the Barcelona Provincial Council**, to place Barcelona as a world meeting point for time policies and to begin impacting on the international media and political agenda in order to prioritize these policies in the global agenda.

The **Time Use Week 2020** will be the prelude of the **Time Use Week 2021**, a large-scale meeting on time use at a global level, which will include the **annual IATUR Congress**, with the participation of **200 international experts in the diverse disciplines related with time policies.**

-->From the program, that we attach, we remark the opening debate, with the conversation "Rethinking our time" between **Carl Honoré**, voice of the **Slow movement** and **Judy Wajcman**, professor of sociology of the **London School of Economics**, and the opening institutional event with the participation of representatives of the **Generalitat de Catalunya, the Barcelona City Council, the Barcelona Metropolitan Area and the Barcelona Provincial Council.**

At the closing event on the 27th, which will feature speeches by **Jean-Yves Boulin**, of the **European Municipalities for a New Time Use Network**, and **Ignace Glorieux**, President of the **IATUR** (International Association for Time Use Research), the **Time Use Week 2021** will be announced and presented.

The event's different debates will be then organized around **four thematic axes**:

- The axis on **Local Time Policies** will include a municipalist meeting and diverse talks on time policies at the local level, with the participation of some Catalan municipalities as well as some European ones, such as Bolzano or Rennes, pioneers in the introduction of time policies at the local level.
- The **International axis** will address the **European dilemma facing the decision to end with the clock change** that the EU must take by 2021.

The round table will discuss the most appropriate time zone for Spain and Europe in general and the impact this decision can have in our health and our well-being. It is also noteworthy the round table on the **2030 Agenda and time policies** with the participants: **Dra. Eva Jané-Llopis**, Health and Sustainable Development Goals at ESADE Business School, **Dr. Gabriel Castañares**, General Director for the achievement of Leverage Policies for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, from the Spain Government, **Laia Bonet**, Deputy Mayor for Agenda 2030, Digital Transition, Sports, Territorial and Metropolitan Coordination and Animal Welfare by Barcelona City Council and **Arnau Queralt**, Director of the Advisory Council for Sustainable Development of the Government of Catalonia.

- The axis dedicated to **Labour Relations** will discuss the impact of the COVID19 pandemic and confinement on labour policies and work organization, taking into account **the massive extension of remote work**, with the participation of international organizations and institutions such as the **ILO** (International Labour Organization), the **ETUC** (European Trade Union Confederation), the **4-day Week Foundation** and the **Labour Relations Council of Catalonia**. It will also include an event on Corporate Good Practices, with representatives of different companies, employers, medium and small size companies organizations, public administration representatives, unions and Joaquin Perez Rey, Secretary of State for Employment and Social Economy by the Spain Government.
- The **Research on Time Policies** axis is where researchers will present the results of different research on the COVID-19 impact on time use carried out at the Catalan, European and international level by organizations such as **Eurofound, Harvard Business School, the London Business school or the CEO** (Center for Opinion Studies of the Generalitat de Catalunya).

The **Time Use Week 2020** round tables and debates will be held in Catalan or English language. All the events will be streaming live and dubbed into Catalan or English. The event will be broadcasted on a single digital platform.

To register, please click here: <https://timeuseinitiative.typeform.com/to/i6vehN6u>

For further information, it can be consulted at:

<https://www.timeuse.barcelona/tuw-2020>

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