

BASIC QUESTIONS OF THE CONCEPT OF WORK IN THE LIGHT OF DIGITALIZATION

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The topic of this lecture:

- What do we mean by work?
- Defining the concept of work
- Expansion of the concept of work
- Relevance of classic qualification marks
- Digital effects and labor law addiction —independent and depended work



Defining the concept of work

- Economic approach no benefit not work
- Concept rooted in 1970s
- Can only an activity performed in return for consideration be work?
- Housework domestic work social usefulness



Expansion of the concept of work

Classical employment relationships

- filled with employers instructions
- changes caused by digitization affected its paradigms
- is it relevant?

Dichotomy is the key to systematization of work (by Horváth-Petrovics)

Transcending the examination of dependence and independence

Cooperative work, stipend employment, household or voluntary work



Expansion of the concept of work

Transformation of the definition of work

- source of livelihood,
- the fulfillment of the realization of career goals
- realized as an individual's passion

Discontinuity and individualization



Digital effects and labor law addiction

Dual model of employment relations means the dichotomy of the employee and the self-employed

Platform works

- felxible, atypical relaionship
- a mixed legal relationship
- a minimum task to be performed / the number of hours is not determined
- hybrid solution



Basis of the employment relationship

Dependent work

- concrete economic dependence,
- the theory of personal dependence

Independent work

- platform does not provide instructions
- the platform : not in a position of dominance
- carried out by social groups



Conclusions

- Necessary to create a concept of work that only covers contingent work
- 2. The creation of an eternally valid concept is an impossible task for the legislator
- 3. It is necessary to reflect on the changing conditions



Final thoughts

Concept of work is both a static and a dynamic definition

How far can this concept be extended?

How well the legislator is aware of the concept of work- legislature is far behind

Protection of employers

Solution of labour market problems and social legal challenges



Thank you for your attention!



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