

UQ Summer Research Project Description

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Project title:	Gig work, digital platform policy and regulation: A literature review
Project duration, hours of engagement & delivery mode	10 weeks
Description:	<p>Increasing scholarly attention has been attracted in the areas of ‘gig’, ‘sharing’ or on-demand economy, particularly how intermediary platforms build, connect and reconstruct the social relations among labourers, consumers and companies. However, little is known how these platforms are regulated. The growth of the gig economy poses fundamental challenges to traditional forms of work regulation and setting minimum standards. Existing literature suggests that it is difficult to apply to existing regulations to gig workers as well as to effectively regulate the digital economy. This project aims to explore the implications of the gig economy for labour regulation in Australia and other developed countries and the potential applicability of existing laws and regulations to gig work.</p> <p>This project involves conducting a literature review, extracting data, analysing results, and drafting a manuscript for peer-review-publication.</p>
Expected outcomes and deliverables:	<p>Expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scholar will gain skills in conducting literature review, desktop review and gap analysis of existing literature on gig work, digital platform policy and labour market regulation; - Data analysis, reporting and writing skills; and - Networking and knowledge building opportunities through attending relevant seminars and workshops. <p>Expected deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A draft manuscript for potential publication that will develop a conceptual framework of everyday governance that the migrant food delivery workers develop to cope with precarious employment and non-citizenship status; and - Submit a pitch to the conversation outlining current evidence on migrant gig workers’ survival modes while navigating the platform space.
Suitable for:	This project is open to applications from undergraduate and postgraduate students with interests in the research topic. Knowledge of the subject matter and experience with conducting systematic literature searches is preferable.
Primary Supervisor:	Dr Lutfun Nahar Lata

Further info:	Students can contact Dr Lutfun Nahar Lata at l.lata@uq.edu.au to discuss their application, but this is not mandatory.