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Future Work, Future Communities

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A five-year *research program* exploring the impacts of industry restructuring.

In partnership with major industry and a leading group of international researchers, and funded by the *Australian Research Council*, the *Future Work Future Communities* research team aims to shed light on how Australia's workforce and communities will engage with the world of work in a future shaped by new business models and disruptive technologies.

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RSA Network on Putting the 'Just' into Just Transitions for Cities and Regions



Conferences and Workshops



Stream One

Five-year longitudinal study of workers affected by the automotive closures across Australia.



Stream Two

A series of qualitative interviews designed to add depth to our understanding of the Stream One longitudinal workers survey.

Stream Three

Discrete Choice Experiments investigating labour market and retraining preferences.



Stream Four

Community survey of affected regions.



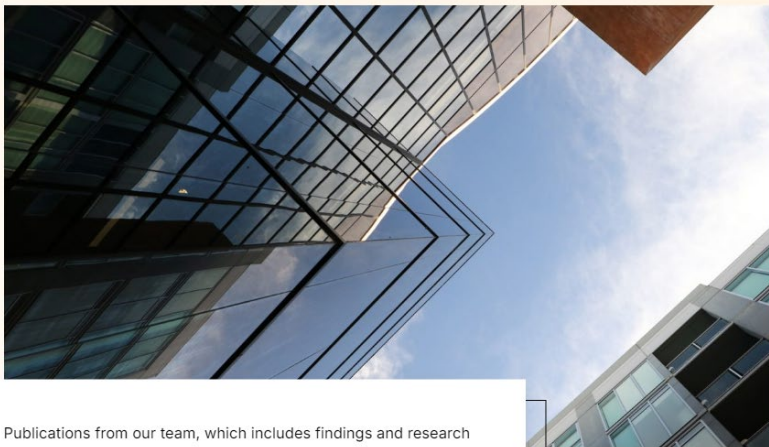
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The project *Future Work, Future Communities* was established to bring together cutting-edge thinking and research on changes in industry and employment with the insights and experience of those working in government and industry. As an Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage project, collaboration and sharing our findings with external partners were built into the DNA of our work together.

The July 4 workshop in Adelaide gave the research team an opportunity to provide industry and government with insight into our findings to date and receive their feedback on our results and the questions which remain foremost in their minds.

Findings & Publications



Publications from our team, which includes findings and research outcomes.

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Agency and the structural determinants of regional growth: towards a retheorisation

This paper addresses debates on the role of agency in shaping the economic future of regions. Scholarship on agency departs from the earlier focus of evolutionary economic geography, which highlighted the role of pre-existing structural conditions. This paper challenges the notion that agency is only found in intentional action and is limited to key actors within a region. It questions exclusive focus on the impact of entrepreneurial leaders, place leaders and government, and identifies agency in the accumulated micro-decisions of multiple decision-makers, using the example of workers affected by the closure of Australia's passenger vehicle industry. In so doing, it underscores the twin roles of collective vision and meaningful implementation in the successful transformation of regions.

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KEYWORDS: agency; Australia; economic transformation; regional pathways; plant closure; policy intervention

Helen Dinmore, Andrew Beer, Jacob Irving & Markku Sotarauta (2023) Agency and the structural determinants of regional growth: towards a retheorisation, Regional Studies, DOI: [10.1080/00343404.2023.2259944](https://doi.org/10.1080/00343404.2023.2259944)



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