

ROUNDTABLE

WORLD BANK 2019 WORLD DEVELOPMENT REPORT “THE CHANGING NATURE OF WORK”

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■ INTRODUCTION

The World Bank's 'World Development Report (WDR) 2019: The Changing Nature of Work' analyses how the nature of work is changing as a result of advances in technology. Fears that robots will take jobs have dominated the discussion on the future of work, but the Report finds that on balance this appears to be unsubstantiated. Work is constantly reshaped by technological progress. Firms adopt new ways of production, markets expand, and societies evolve. Overall, technology brings opportunity, creating new jobs, increasing productivity, and delivering effective public services.

The Report analyses these changes and considers how governments can best respond. Investing in human capital must be a priority for governments in order for workers to build the skills in demand in the labour market. In addition, governments need to enhance social protection and extend it to all people in society, irrespective of the terms on which they work. To fund these investments in human capital and social protection, the Report offers some suggestions as to how governments can mobilise additional revenues by increasing the tax base.



■ PROGRAMME

15.30 - 15.35	Welcome Vincenzo Grassi Secretary General, EUI
15.35 - 15.40	Introduction Luigi Narbone EUI
15.40 - 16.15	Presentation of the World Bank's 'World Development Report (WDR) 2019: The Changing Nature of Work' Simeon Djankov World Bank Federica Saliola World Bank
16.15 - 16.45	Roundtable discussion Moderator: Luigi Narbone EUI Discussants: Michele Bélot EUI Mario Biggeri Università di Firenze Gianna Claudia Giannelli Università di Firenze Liav Orgad EUI Wessel Reijers EUI Giancarlo Vilella EUI
16.45 - 17.30	Q & A