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Preface

The papers in this volume constitute the proceedings of a joint working conference organized by the IFIP Working Groups 8.2, 9.1, and 9.4. The conference, entitled “The future of digital work: the challenge of inequality,” was planned to take place during December 9–10, 2020, in Hyderabad, India. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the conference was held virtually.

The call for papers resulted in a total of 29 submissions. Of these, 22 full papers were finally selected for presentation at the working conference. The submissions were selected through a blind-review process involving two reviewers and the editors. Authors of submissions that were selected for the next round were requested to revise their contributions in accordance with the reviewers’ and the editors’ recommendations. The revised submissions were then reviewed for publication in this volume. An introductory paper by the editors provides a thematic overview of these papers.

The papers published in this volume are complemented by contributions from the two keynote speakers at the conference: Renana Jhabvala and Michael Barrett.

Renana Jhabvala, Chairperson SEWA Bharat and Grih Rin Ltd, is an Indian social worker, who has been active for decades in organizing women in the informal economy into trade unions, co-operatives, and financial institutions in India, and has been extensively involved in policy issues relating to poor women and the informal economy.

Michael Barrett, Professor of Information Systems and Innovation Studies at the Cambridge Judge Business School, UK, has a long track record of engaging with social aspects of digital technologies, also with a view to the global south.

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