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**********We welcome abstracts for the following SPONSORED SESSION at the upcoming RGS-IBG conference on Geographies Beyond Recovery. The Sponsorers for the session is the Research Group on Economic Geography. Deadine Mar 24th March*******

 Title-

Chains of Recovery and Resilience: A Global Production Network (GPN) Approach

Session Organisers and Affiliations:

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Abstract

The disruption in the global supply chain shows that the distinction of global north and global south is not as affective and what new forms of global labour movements towards a framework of recovery shows their deeper inter-linkages. Is this linkage empirical or is it subjective? Is it driven and shaped by geographies of capital in the global north or is it located in the geographies and histories of colonisation and invasion in the global south? In line with the theme of Geographies Beyond Recovery, we use a GPN approach to better understand the disparate chains of recovery and resilience to the supply chain networks linking the flows of labour and capital between global north and global south economies. We take the view that labour in most post-colonial contexts needs to be further examined at a micro-social level in which it is embedded such as informal social relations and networks.

The session is interested in learning from various case studies drawn from different sectors of the GPN (apparel, fishing, electronics, automotive etc.,) on how labour and work has been reorganised and revalued what does it tell us about labour's ability to be resilient in the face of pandemic level catastrophe.

We will discuss how it differs across different sectors and different countries who have had to take an independent measure against the pandemic irrespective of the economic global linkages. The session invites papers that includes with directions for a sustainable global supply chain recovery including regional ecologies. The contributions are invited focussing on theoretical and practical implications, limitations and opportunities for further research on labour in variegated national and subnational contexts. We are open to different perspectives and views informing—both conceptually and empirically— how GPNs intersect, impact, and are impacted by workers, labour regimes, and workers' representatives.

This theme welcomes submissions on a wide range of topics including but not limited to:

-        Theories and discussions examining the mechanisms through which GPN impact workers and labour processes;

-        Discussions investigating existing articulations between GPNs and labour regimes;

-        Conjunctural and multi-scaler analyses examining the impact of GPNs on labour.

We as the session organisers will be the discussants of the papers presented. Each paper will have upto 20 minutes followed by questions and summaries of the panel presented. Each slot will be divided based on regional and sectoral experience of the organisers and the papers discussed. There will be time allocated for the audience to raise questions, give comments and feedbacks to the presenters.

Innovation: The session will be inclusive so we will host it in a hybrid format so as not to exclude presenters who are disabled. We will follow RGS-IBG best

practice guideline to include all genders and that the sessions are accessible to everyone including from presenters from low-income countries. Presenters will not only share and discuss their slides, but also include videos and any other creative format of methodology or representation of theory. To ensure this, we will encourage selected presenters to present a wider literature review of their research and we as session organisers, will map each presentation with respect to emerging theories and methodologies and future research agenda on the global map with different regions, key words, and themes that were common in all presentations

Submission Details: **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACTS (max to: 400 words) TO:** smytta.yadav@manchester.ac.uk

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