

## Theoretical Perspectives on Organising and Leading Industrial Work 2026 – week 21-40

This course introduces theoretical perspectives on organizing and leading industrial work, within the field of Industrial Engineering and Management. It focuses on how industrial work is shaped through the interaction between humans, technology, and operations, and how these interactions influence efficiency, development, and work environments. The course begins with a conceptual foundation that includes historical perspectives on humans at work, the variety of units of analysis commonly used in this field, and an overview of the different levels of analysis and the evolution of the field that will be explored throughout the course.

Week 21 20 May 13.15-16.00 Annika Engström	Week 23 2 June 13.15-17.00 Vanajah Siva	Week 25 8 June 13.15– 17.00 Erik Waltré	Week 35 25 Aug 13.15 – 17.00 Annika Engström	Week 37 9 Sept 10.15 – 15.00 (lunch break) Nikolas Vikman Käkelä	Week 39 25 Sept 09.15 – 11.00 Annika Engström Vanajah Siva Nikolas Vikman Käkelä Erik Waltré	Week 40 2 Oct End of the course – Evaluation Annika Engström Vanajah Siva Nikolas Vikman Käkelä Erik Waltré
	Lecture/seminar	Lecture/seminar	Lecture/seminar	Lecture/seminar	Oral exam Presentations	Written assignment, 2500 words
Introduction Concepts, perspectives	The historical evolution of work and the importance of practical application	Individual perspective on organising and managing Industrial Work	Group perspective on organising and managing Industrial Work	Organizational perspective on organising and managing Industrial Work	Critical review of a research agenda, within the field of industrial engineering and management	
	2-3 articles to read One-page (500 words) written reflection – hand in one week in advance	2-3 articles to read One-page (500 words) written reflection – hand in one week in advance	2-3 articles to read One-page (500 words) written reflection – hand in one week in advance	2-3 articles to read One-page (500 words) written reflection – hand in one week in advance	Present the analysis in planned final written assignment	Submit the final written assignment