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# How 'zoomshock' is transforming work, geography and society

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### **Lessons being re-learned:**

## off-site worker productivity and environmental rebounds

#### **TELEWORKING EARLY 2000s**

- Regular: 5% EU employees (2000)
- Regular: 8% EU employees (2009)



#### HYBRID WORKING 2019-2020

- Regular: 11% EU employees (2019)
- Full-time: 40% EU employees (2020)



#### WORKER PRODUCTIVITY



OECD (September 2020)

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

REBOUND EFFECTS "..trade-off effects observed between work and non-work trips, which increase CO2 emission levels ... Contrary to the generally accepted idea that commuting trips have a greater environmental impact ... non-work trips account for a significant share of CO2 emissions." (Cerqueira et al, 2020)

#### WORKER PRODUCTIVITY



Millard et al (2005)

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

Distance driven in private car yesterday (2005)		
Commuter (non-teleworker)	38 km	
Teleworker on days working at home	48 km	
Teleworker on days working at workplace	60 km	



Millard et al (2005)

# 'Zoomshock' transformation ?

	PRE-COVID	DURING COVID	POST-COVID ?
SYSTEM CONTEXT OF WORK	<ul> <li>Technology-driven         <ul> <li>Incremental innovation</li> <li>Evolutionary, piecemeal top- down work organisation change</li> </ul> </li> <li>Stable labour market initially, increasingly replaced by tech- enabled global outsourcing with significant worker exploitation, gig' work, etc.</li> <li>Both internal &amp; external structural adjustments based on largely predictable responses</li> <li>Experimental moves to suburban /rural 'telecentres' &amp; hot- desking; while commuting &amp; agglomeration continue to grow</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>System shock-driven, technology enabled</li> <li>Extreme disruptive innovation</li> <li>Fast, systemic and uncoordinated bottom-up and top-down work organisation change</li> <li>Highly unstable labour market with c. 40% unemployment &amp; furloughing</li> <li>Both internal and external structural tipping points based on largely risk reactive responses</li> <li>Major shut down of city and suburban centres and, plummeting city-centre commercial real-estate values</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Combination of multiple environmental, societal, geo-political and technology shocks</li> <li>Ubiquitous innovation</li> <li>Continuous systemic, radical &amp; multi- directional work organisation change</li> <li>Highly variegated labour-market, significant re-shoring, opportunity for 'open strategic autonomy'</li> <li>Both internal &amp; external structural change based on resilience-seeking responses</li> <li>Spatial mixing of work &amp; population; renewed focus on co-working centres, hot-desking away from cities; merits of agglomeration questioned ??</li> </ul>
WORK DEVELOP- MENT	<ul> <li>Largely voluntary, selective and low telework uptake from 5% in EU 2000 to about 11% in 2019</li> <li>Mainly home-based telework with beginnings of mobile telework Telework uptake mainly in highly advantaged demographics and highly specialised job types with others largely left out.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Largely coercive and widespread telework uptake, 40% plus of working population</li> <li>Almost all home-based telework</li> <li>Telework uptake across most demographics and all relevant job types, but mainly only highly advantaged enjoy benefits whilst many more disadvantaged often only experiencing disadvantages</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hybrid uptake approaching 100%</li> <li>Mainly 'hybrid work' and 'working from anywhere', with strong return to mobile and flexible work.</li> <li>Uptake across almost all demographics &amp; job types, but still with threat of 2 classes of workers: the advantaged enjoying the benefits, with a (large) minority of most disadvantaged who experience mainly disadvantages</li> </ul>

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