Gender Transition and Job In/Security: Trans \* un/der/employment experiences and labour anxieties in post-Fordist Society

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Abstract: This article focuses on narratives of un/deremployed trans\* individuals to demonstrate the interconnectedness between gender, immaterial labour, negative affects and wider dynamics of socio-economic uncertainty. Trans\* experiences demonstrate that gender conformity is required to perform the immaterial labour central to post-Fordism. Individuals deemed disruptive are vulnerable to becoming disposable.