A Roadmap for Recovery: Shaping the Future of Work in a Post-COVID World

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Kristine’s research in the dynamic between technology and the way that people work has been a focus of her publications and teaching for the last fifteen years. Currently she is investigating the design and management of the workplace to understand how organisations use digital capabilities internally to create more effective ways of working, and the impact of new ways of engaging with talent in the digital era. This work has stemmed from a historical research focus on the relationship between HRM and IT, Mobile Connectivity, Human Resource Information Systems, Gamification, and Remote Working.

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