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This research project focuses on the use of technology by low skilled and semi-skilled workers. By drawing from findings of a number of case and design studies, it analyzes how migrants, victims of forced labour, and human trafficking can use technology to empower their situated agency and enable them to enhance their conditions.

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