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BOREDOM IN SCIENTIFIC WORK

Based on long lasting ethnographical research conducted in various laboratories (life-science basic research institutions based in France, Poland, USA) I will present various practices related with boredom phenomenon that experience scientists during their professional activity.

In proposed analysis I will use the sociology of work terms: division of tasks, tasks analysis, the system of task valuation, socialization toward the scientific work and conventions that animate this professional environment.

Throughout the reflection on boredom I will tackle important issue of the specificity of scientific work and its strong cultural dimension. The most interesting question that will drive the presentation is not when scientists are experiencing boredom in their work but how they become bored?