



**7th Global Labour University Conference  
The Politics of Labour & Development  
28 - 30 September 2011**



**Day 1 : Wednesday, 28th September 2011**

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| 14h00 - 17h00                                 | <b>Delegates Arrival &amp; Conference Registration (Venue : Professional Development Hub Foyer)</b> |   |
| <b>16h30 - 17h00 Appertisers &amp; Drinks</b> |   |   |
| 17h00 - 17h30                                 | <b>Welcome (Venue : PDH Foyer)</b>  | Michelle Williams - Chairperson, GLU South Africa<br>Tawana Kupe - Dean of Humanities, Wits University<br>Gerd Botterweck - Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)<br>Philip Bowyer - UNI Global Unions<br>Christoph Scherrer - The International Centre for Development and Decent Work (ICDD) of the University of Kassel<br>Frank Hoffer – International labour Organisation (ILO) |
| 17h30 - 18h30                                 | <b>Book Launch GLU Books (Venue : PDH Foyer)</b>  | <i>There is an Alternative. Economic Policies and Labour Strategies Beyond the Mainstream</i><br><i>Trade Unions and the Global Crisis: Labour's Visions, Strategies and Responses</i><br><i>Crisis: Causes, Prospects and Alternatives, Volume 3/1 of the International Journal of Labour Research</i>   |
| 18h30 - 20h00                                 | <b>Panel Discussion : Chair - Dinga Sikwebu (NUMSA) (Venue : PDH Foyer)</b>                         | Edward Webster<br>Andries Bezuidenhout  |
| <b>20h00 Dinner</b>                           |   |   |



**Day 2 : Thursday, 29th September 2011**

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| <b>08h30 - 09h00</b> | <b>Conference Orientation &amp; Introductory Remarks :</b><br><i>Frank Hoffer &amp; Michelle Williams</i> | <b>Venue : PDH Foyer</b> |
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|                      | <b>Non-Traditional Labour</b><br><b>Venue : PDH, Room 211</b><br><b>Chairperson - Noor Nieftagodien</b>   | <b>Labour &amp; Policy</b><br><b>Venue : PDH, Room 215</b><br><b>Chairperson - Seeraj Mohamed</b>   | <b>Politics of Labour</b><br><b>Venue : PDH, Room G16</b><br><b>Chairperson - Lucien van der Walt</b>  | <b>Transnational Labour Issues</b><br><b>Venue : PDH, Room 111</b><br><b>Chairperson - Roger Southall</b>  |
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| <b>09h00 - 10h45</b> | <p>Ercüment Celik<br/>Rethinking Street Traders as a Promising Agent of Re-empowering Labour Movement in Contemporary South Africa</p> <p>Neha Wadhawan<br/>Maid for Work- Gender and Migration for Domestic Work in India: A Case Study of Domestic Workers from Jharkhand</p> <p>Nora Räthzel and David Uzzell<br/>Environmental Labour Studies: tackling the job-environment, north-south contradictions</p> | <p>Alexei Izyumov<br/>Labor vs. Capital Incomes in Transition Economies: What Would Karl Marx Said</p> <p>Franco Barchiesi<br/>Against Job Creation. Precarious Work as a Challenge to Employment-Centered Normativity in Postcolonial Africa</p> <p>Ognian N. Hishow<br/>The Political Economy of Labor-Capital Income Imbalances. European Solutions</p> <p>Rudi Dicks and Stephanie Brockerhoff<br/>Achieving a Decent Work Agenda in South Africa: Finding synergies between public employment schemes and social security interventions within a New Growth Strategy</p> | <p>Babalwa Magoqwana<br/>Trade Union perceptions amongst local government call-centre workers: challenges and opportunities for South African Municipal Workers Union (SAMWU)</p> <p>Devan Pillay<br/>Between political unionism and social movement unionism: Cosatu, the ANC-Alliance and the battered wife syndrome</p> <p>Christoph Scherrer and Luciana Hachman<br/>Can a labour-friendly government be friendly to labour? A hegemonic analysis of Brazilian, German and South African experiences.</p> <p>Pravin Sinha<br/>Legitimizing Traditional Rights through Social Movement Unionism</p> | <p>Anselmo Santos and Eugenia Troncoso Leone<br/>A proposal for a common minimum wage in the Americas, with emphasis in the Mercosur area</p> <p>Michael Fichter<br/>Regulating Labor Relations in Global Production Networks. International Framework Agreements as a New Form of Union Power?</p> <p>Peter Waterman<br/>The Networked Internationalism of Labour's Others: Resources for Research and Action</p> |

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| <b>10h45 - 11h15</b> | <b>Mid Morning Tea Break</b> |
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|   | <p><b>Politics of Labour</b></p> <p><b>Venue : PDH, Room G16</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson - Christoph Scherrer</b></p>  | <p><b>Transnational Labour Issues</b></p> <p><b>Venue : PDH, Room 211</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson - Frank Hoffer</b></p>  | <p><b>Alternatives &amp; Solidarity Economy</b></p> <p><b>Venue : PDH, Room 111</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson - Jacklyn Cock</b></p>                              | <p><b>Restructuring : Labour &amp; Work</b></p> <p><b>Venue : PDH, Room 215</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson - Hansjörg Herr</b></p>  |
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| <p><b>11h15 - 13h00</b></p>   | <p>Mbuyiseni Ndlozi</p> <p>Radical reform against all odds : The CWIU and trade union strategy, 1987 – 2000</p>  | <p>Bridget Kenny and Stephen Greenberg</p> <p>The politics of global merger: Wal-mart and the South African retail industry</p>   | <p>Carlos Salas and Marcia Leite</p> <p>An analysis of social economy projects in São Paulo as alternatives for economic development and social inclusion</p> | <p>Carol Jess</p> <p>The Hobbitt’s impact on Industrial Relations in New Zealand 2010</p>  |
|   | <p>Lucien van der Walt</p> <p>From “strategic unionism” to anarcho-sindicalism: rethinking union strategy in the Great Recession</p>   | <p>Mwansa Kamukwa qmba</p> <p>From bi-national organisation's trade union alliance to the establishment of joint inmdustrial relationsh collective bargaining mechanism : the case of Tanzania Zambia Railway Authority</p> | <p>Michelle Williams</p> <p>Alternative Production and Consumption Relations?: Fair Trade, the State, and Cooperatives in the Global South</p>                | <p>Lotta Takala-Greenish</p> <p>Assessing the merits of labour process theory in the context of the South African capital-labour balance</p>   |
|   | <p>Muttaqa Yusha’u Abdulra’uf</p> <p>Labour and the politics of alliance: The Case of Labour and Civil Society Coalition (LASCO) in Nigeria</p>                              | <p>Sue Ledwith and Akua Britwum</p> <p>Gender , power and the woman question in trade unions</p>  | <p>Vishwas Satgar</p> <p>Solidarity Economy Critique of Social Capital:Why Power Matters?</p>   | <p>Tiyamike H. Goliati</p> <p>Contemporary Challenges for Health-Care Professionals in Malawi under Neoliberal Policies: Understanding Migration and Shortage of Nurses in the Public Health Sector, 1993-2008</p> |
|   | <p>Sian Byrne</p> <p>Building Tomorrow Today”: rethinking the “workerist” tendency in the Federation of South African Trade Unions (FOSATU) in South Africa, 1979 – 1985</p> |   | <p>Marta Soler</p> <p>Mondragon: a successful cooperativist action</p>  |  |
| <p><b>13h00 - 14h00</b> <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><b>Lunch</b></span></p> |  |   |   |  |

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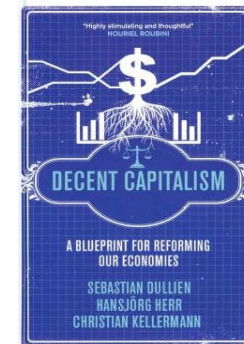
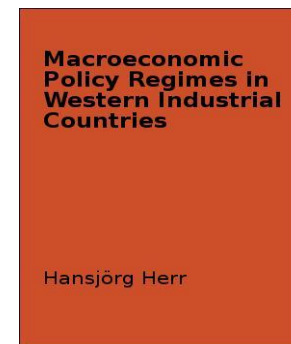
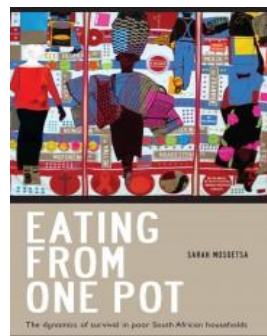
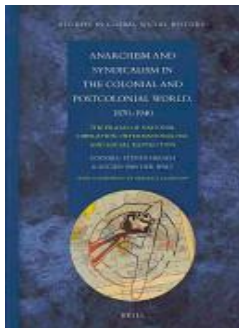
|               | <p><b>Non-Traditional labour</b></p> <p>Venue : PDH, Room 211</p> <p>Chairperson - Chris Tilly</p>  | <p><b>Power of Labour, Labour of Power</b></p> <p>Venue : PDH, Room 111</p> <p>Chairperson - Sarah Mosoetsa</p>                         | <p><b>Transnational Labour Issues</b></p> <p>Venue : PDH, Room 215</p> <p>Chairperson - Carlos Salas</p>                   | <p><b>Restructuring : Labour &amp; Work</b></p> <p>Venue : PDH, Room G16</p> <p>Chairperson - Sharit Bhowmik</p>  |
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| 14h00 - 15h45 | <p>Prishani Naidoo</p> <p>'Living Labour' and the Politics of (Re)Production: Possibilities in Orange Farm</p>                                  | <p>Asanda Benya</p> <p>New forms of power or leverage : Women in Mining</p>   | <p>Donna McGuire</p> <p>Utilising new forms of power and leverage to influence international trade policy</p>              | <p>Babu P. Remesh</p> <p>Employment Outcomes and Labour Market Responses of the Crisis: The Case of IT and ITES Sector in India</p>   |
|               | <p>Verna Viajar</p> <p>Filipino migrant domestic workers: Implications on development and migration trends in the Philippines</p>               | <p>Jennifer Jihye Chun</p> <p>“Struggle to the Death”: The Dynamics of Extreme Labour Contention in the South Korean Labor Movement</p> | <p>Michelle Taal</p> <p>Global Framework Agreements in Africa - Using the space created</p>                                | <p>Paul Stewart</p> <p><i>Labour time, worker's control and exploitation: A moment in the practical production politics of a group of rock drill operators on a South African platinum mine</i></p> |
|               | <p>Jana Silverman</p> <p>Labour Relations in Uruguay under the Frente Amplio Government, 2005-2009: From Neoliberalism to Neocorporativism?</p> | <p>Pragya Khanna</p> <p>Making Labour Voices Heard in Impending Industrial Crisis - the Garment Industry of Bangladesh</p>              | <p>Suzanne Dansereau</p> <p>Politics and neoliberalism: Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Union's struggle to protect workers</p> | <p>Ochard Sibanda</p> <p>Political and Economic Crisis and the Meaning of Work : the Case of Zimbabwe.</p>  |
|               |   | <p>Valentina Prospero</p> <p>Old and New Forms of Power in the Workplace. The Case of the Construction Sector in India</p>              |  | <p>Umesh Upadhyaya</p> <p>Party Politics, Economic Agenda and Trade Unions: Nepali Context of Experience</p>  |

15h45 - 16h15

Mid Afternoon Tea

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| 16h15 - 17h45 | <b>Trade Unions Panel : Multinationals</b><br><b>Chairperson : Saliem Patel</b><br><b>Venue : PDH, Room 111</b>   | <b>Trade Unions Panel : Precarious Work</b><br><b>Chairperson : Pravin Sinha</b><br><b>Venue : PDH, Room 211</b> |
|               | Fabian Nkomo, ICEM<br>Philip Bowyer (UNI Global Union)  | Keith Jacobs, UNI Africa<br>Rudi Dicks, NALEDI   |
| 17h45 - 19h30 | <b>Book Launch: (Venue : PDH Foyer)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Lucien van der Walt, <i>Anarchism and Syndicalism in the Colonial and Postcolonial World, 1870—1940</i></li> <li>2 Sarah Mosoetsa, <i>Eating from one Pot: Dynamics of Survival in poor South African households</i></li> <li>3 Hansjörg Herr &amp; Milka Kazandziska, <i>Macroeconomic Policy Regimes in Western Industrial Countries &amp; Decent Capitalism. A Blueprint for Reforming our Economies</i></li> <li>4 Christoph Scherrer (ed.) <i>China's Labour Question</i></li> <li>5 Franco Barchiesi, <i>Precarious Liberation: Workers, the State, and Contested Social Citizenship in Postapartheid South Africa</i></li> <li>6 Eddie Cottle (ed.) <i>South Africa's World Cup: A Legacy for Whom? by Building &amp; Wood Workers International &amp; Labour Research Service</i></li> </ol> |  |
| 19h30         |   | Dinner   |



**Day 3 :Friday, 30th September 2011**

| 08h30 - 09h00   |                                    | Arrival & Morning Tea  |                                     |   |                                 |   |                              |   |
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| Non-Traditional labour<br>Venue : PDH, Room 111<br>Chairperson - Verna Viajar |                                    | Labour & Policy<br>Venue : PDH, Room 211<br>Chairperson - Seeraj Mohamed   |                                     | Alternatives & Solidarity Economy<br>Venue : PDH, Room 215<br>Chairperson - Michelle Williams |                                 | Revitalisation of Labour<br>Venue : PDH, Room G16<br>Chairperson - Rudi Dicks                     |                              |   |
| 09h00 - 10h45   | Alessandra Mezzadri                | 'Bonded capital' and the organisation of home-working in India   | Anna Bolsheva                       | Minimum Wage Developments in Russian Federation   | Bruno Dobrusin                  | The Recovered Factories and the Argentine Labour Movement: A grey zone in a 'new' social movement | Chris Tilly and Joshua Bloom | Analyze to Win : How and why US unions use strategic research   |
|   | Edward Webster and Katherine Joynt | The Growth and Organisation of a Precariat : Working in the Clothing Industry in Johannesburg's Inner-City           | Thomas Ryan                         | Prospects for a Critical Labour Psychology  | Melisa Serrano and Edlira Xhafa | The Pursuit of Alternatives: Stories of Peoples' Struggles  | Elaine Hui                   | Chinese Workers' Struggles Against the Widening Income Disparity: The Case of Honda Workers' Strike   |
|   | Sönke Rabisch                      | Undocumented but entitled to rights" The controversial relationships between German unions and undocumented migrants | Milka Kazandziska and Hansjörg Herr | Evidence from the Great Depression in the 1930s and present deflationary developments         | Sharit Bhowmik                  | Worker Co-operatives as Alternative Ptroductive Systems   | Daniel Hawkins               | Alternative Governments in South America: Labour policies and relations with the trade union movement |
| 10h45 - 11h15   |                                    | Mid Morning Tea Break  |                                     |   |                                 |   |                              |   |

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|   | <p><b>Non-Traditional labour</b></p> <p><b>Venue : PDH, Room 211</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson - Melisa Serrano</b></p>  | <p><b>Labour Ecological Questions</b></p> <p><b>Venue : PDH, Room 111</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson - Devan Pillay</b></p>   | <p><b>Labour &amp; Policy</b></p> <p><b>Venue : PDH, Room 215</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson - Lucien van der Walt</b></p>                            | <p><b>Politics of Labour</b></p> <p><b>Venue : PDH, Room G16</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson - Michael Fichter</b></p>  |
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| <p>11h15 - 13h00</p>  | <p>Oliver Pye</p> <p>A Transnational Plantation Precariat. Challenges to Organising Migrant Workers in the Malaysian Palm Oil Industry</p>                         | <p>Jacklyn Cock</p> <p>The perils and promise of 'Green Capitalism' for labour</p>   | <p>Angela D. Akorsu</p> <p>Conventional versus Contemporary Powers in labour Market Regulation in Ghana</p>                                      | <p>Chandra Bhatta</p> <p>The Politics of (under)development in Nepal: Role of Civil Society (Trade Union) and Political Parties</p>                           |
|   | <p>Tonia L. Warnecke and John Folkerth</p> <p>Organizing Informal Labor in India and Indonesia: A Discussion of Barriers and Best Practices of Overcoming Them</p> | <p>James Lazou</p> <p>Decent work and ecological sustainability – a question of distribution?</p>  | <p>José Dari Krein and José Ricardo Barbosa Gonçalves</p> <p>The trade union movement and the 2008 and 2009 economic crisis</p>                  | <p>Hari Nugroho</p> <p>Labour movement and Pro-Marginalized Group Policies: Building network of movements in the politics of local policy making process.</p> |
|   | <p>Crispen Chinguno</p> <p>Explaining strike violence in post apartheid South Africa</p>   | <p>Sandra van Niekerk</p> <p>Meeting Africa's energy needs: the political economy of renewable energy</p>  | <p>Samantha Ashman</p> <p>Changing the Growth Path? Economic Policy and South Africa's System of Accumulation</p>                                | <p>Moses Musiitwa</p> <p>Trade Unions and the Labour politics in Uganda</p>   |
|   |  | <p>Sarbeswara Sahoo</p> <p>Organizing the Unorganized Women Workers for Green Livelihood:A Case Study of Self Employed Women's Association, Gujarat, India</p> | <p>Debdulal Saha</p> <p>Decent work and self-employed workers in the urban informal sector: 'Conflicting issues' or 'Converging realities'?"</p> | <p>Ruy Braga</p> <p>Lula's Hegemony and Brazilian Labor Relations: Call Centers and Their Unions</p>  |
| <p><b>13h00 - 14h00</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Lunch</b></span></p> |  |  |  |   |

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|               | <p><b>Restructuring : Labour &amp; Work</b></p> <p><b>Venue : PDH, Room 211</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson - Claire Hobden</b></p>   | <p><b>Labour &amp; Rural Issues</b></p> <p><b>Venue : PDH, Room 111</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson - Roger Shouthall</b></p>  | <p><b>Revitalisation of Labour</b></p> <p><b>Venue : PDH, Room 215</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson - Edlira Xhafa</b></p>                                   |
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| 14h00 - 15h45 | <p>Fidelma Murphy      The Spatial Restructuring of Work and Maquiladoras of the Automotive Industry</p> <p>Nicolas Pons-Vignon      Literature review on the causes of outsourcing: economic efficiency, profit or class struggle?</p> <p>Zia Rahman and Tom Langford      Explaining Why Labour Unions Have Failed Bangladesh's Garment Workers</p> | <p>Kaustav Banerjee      Unfree Labour &amp; Neoliberal Regimes of Accumulation in Indian Agrarian Systems</p> <p>Mazibuko K. Jara      Land Tenure, Smallholder Agricultural Production and Unemployment in two villages in the former Ciskei</p> <p>Ely Fair      Peasant Development in Contemporary Capitalism</p> | <p>Stephanie Matseleng Allais      What are skills?</p> <p>Eddie Cottle      Scoring an Own Goal? The Construction Workers' 2010 World Cup Strike</p> |

**15h45 - 16h15** **Mid Afternoon Tea**

**16h15 - 18h00** **Closing Session** (venue : PDH Foyer)

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| GLU Programme Initiatives : Brazil  | GLU Programme Initiatives : India        |
| GLU Programme Initiatives : Germany | GLU Programme Initiatives : South Africa |

**18h00 - 19h00** **Dinner**