



11th Global Labour University Conference, South Africa, 2016
The Just Transition and the Role of Labour: Our Ecological, Social, and Economic Future
28 – 30 September 2016

Day 1 : Wednesday, 28 th September 2016		
15h00 – 17h00	Delegates Arrival & Conference Registration	
17h00 -17h30	Snacks	
17h30 – 17h35	Opening	Wits University DVC: Tawana Kupe
17h35 – 17h45	Welcome by Partner Organisations	FES: Mirko Herberg ILO: Joni Musabayana
17h45 – 17h55	Welcome by ITUC Africa	ITUC Africa: Hilma Mote
17h55 – 18h10	Welcome Remarks	ILO: Frank Hoffer
18h10 – 18h40	Keynote Address: ‘Social protection’ or ‘transformation’? The false binary in debates on a ‘just transition’	Wits University Professor, Jacklyn Cock
18h40 – 19h00	Keynote Address: ‘Morning Yet on Creation Day...?: An African Perspective on the Labour Movement in a Tumultuous World’	Health and Social Sector Officerahmad), Baba Aye
19h00 – 19h15	Commemoration for Sharit Bhowmik	Eddie Webster, Debdulal Saha & Pravin Sinha
19h15– 19h20	Closing	GLU-Wits Chairperson, Michelle Williams
19h30	Dinner	



Day 2: Thursday, 29 th September 2016				
09h00 – 10h45	SPECIAL PANEL: Labour Responses to Climate Change & Development Challenges Venue 1	Precarious Labour (2A) Venue 2		Trade Union Strategies (4B) Venue 3
	Chairperson: Maite Llanos	Chairperson: Hansjoerg Herr		Chairperson: Archana Prasad
	Asbjørn Wahl & Alana Dave: Trade Unions perspective in Europe on climate policies	Bruno Losch: The Employment Challenge at the Core of Sub-Saharan Africa's Future		Muttaqa Abdulra'UF: A Review of Trade Union Responses to Climate Change in South East Asia
	Bruno Dobrusin: Unions against fracking in Argentina	Hlalele Hlalele: Placating Metolong Dam Committees to Implement Labour Broking		Baba Aye: Labour at the Crossroads of Change in Nigeria : Problems and Prospects for Rebirth
	Kjeld Jacobsen: Environment, big constructions and labor	Brian Murahwa: Structural power, Zimbabwean migrant labour and the South African Private Security Industry.		Magda Biavaschi: Working Relations in Contemporary Capitalism & Outsourcing : the Role Played by Public Institutions
	Sandra Van Niekerk - Challenges of extractionism in Africa and how public renewal energies could be a path for energy democracy	Pravin Sinha: Hawkers assert their collective power to seek rights in India		Alex Gallas : From the Catch – Up Game to Multi- Scalar Internationalism : Strategic Debates in Global Labour Studies
10h45 – 11h15	Mid-Morning Tea Break			
11h15 – 13h00	Just Transition and Democratic Eco-socialist alternatives (7D) Venue 1	Development and Challenges of Employment (6B) Venue 2	Value Addition & Decent Work (C1) Venue 3	Struggles, States and Society (3B) Venue 4
	Chairperson: Vishwas Satgar	Chairperson: Frank Hoffer	Chairperson: Santosh Verma	Chairperson: Crispen Chinguno
	Michelle Williams: Energy, Democracy and Labour in South Africa	Anselmo Dos Santos, Paulo Baltar & Carolina T. Baltar: Globalization Global Supply Chain and Development: the Case of Brazil	Varsha Ayyar: Labouring Nuts in Western India : Cashew in Transnational 'Production Networks' and Decent Work Agenda	Praveen Jha: Strikes, Struggles & Class Contradictions: Some Explorations in a Neoliberal Context
	Devan Pillay: Alternatives to the Growth Paradigm - Marx, Buddha and the pursuit of 'happiness'	Vitor Filgueiras: Regulation of employment rights in supply chains in the Brazilian and British agricultural sector: something is missing	Walter Belik: Global Chain of Melon : A Study of the Value Added in the Melon Produced in the Region of Acu-Mossoro	Wenpei Li: Application of International Labour Standards in China
	Jacklyn Cock: A just transition from fossil fuel capitalism could contain the embryo of a new democratic, eco-feminist- socialist order	Lotta Takala-Greenish: Are Employment Development & Agro Processing Growth Incompatible Goals?	Mubashir Mehdi, Burhan Ahmad & Adnan Adeel: Improving Value Chain Through Decent Work Approach : A Case of Mango Production Systems in Pakistan	Taiping Pan: Challenges in Labour Markets under Chinese Economic Restructuring
	John Villiers: Unemployment, neoliberalism and labour organizing in Ireland in 2015	Daniel Hawkins: Selling decent agriculture in indecent working environments: socio-labour certification and coffee production in Colombia	Johanna Lauber & Giulia Gortanutti: Cooperation between trade unions and social movements in Europe: a Hyperlink Analysis	
13h00 – 14h00	Lunch			

14h00 – 15h45	SPECIAL PANEL: The South African Labour Movement Venue 1	Trade Union Revitalization (5C) Venue 2	Trade Union Strategies (4A) Venue 3
	Chairperson: Devan Pillay	Chairperson: Carlos Salas	Chairperson: Trevor Evans
	Dinga Sikwebu: Labour movement fractures: rejuvenation or further fragmentation?	Mostafa Henaway: The Fight for \$15 Campaign and Potential for Labour Renewal in Canada	Bruno Dobrusin: The Development Platform of the Americas: labour movements' attempt to reshape the neo developmental debate in Latin America
	Alex Mashilo: The fundamental necessity for workers' unity	Sameer Pandey: Political Parties, Alliance & Trade Union Organizations & Political Power	Asbjørn Wahl: The role of labour in the fight against climate change (including a case-study of the International Transport Workers' Federation)
	Gino Govender: Unions at the crossroads: personal reflections of a former unionist	Subhanil Chowdhury: Between Hope and Despair: Trade Unions in Organized Sector in West Bengal	David Hookes & Johanna Butler Hookes: An International Worker-Farmer Alliance (IWFA) to save the planet
	Khwezi Mabasa: An Empty Pot at the End of the Rainbow? Labour and Twenty Years of Democracy	Bryce Swerhun: Shared Values, Competing Strategies : Using Movements for Democratic Rights and Collective Bargaining Rights in Hong Kong	Fred Steward: European Trade Unions in the Shaping of a New Policy Discourse - 'the transition to a low carbon society'
15h45 – 16h15	Mid-Afternoon Tea Break		
16h15 – 18h00	POLICY DEBATES: Minimum Wage Venue 1	Agriculture & Finance (C3) Venue 2	Struggles, States & Society (3A) Venue 3
	Chairperson: Frank Hoffer	Chairperson: Christoph Scherrer	Chairperson: Alex Gallas
	Neil Coleman: Advocating for a national minimum wage in South Africa - role and strategy of labour	Munir Anjum: Income generation of rural community by using solar distillation system and eliminating the role of middleman	Elaine Hui: Understanding the Pension Protection and Pension-Driven Strikes in China
		Meenakshi Rajeev: Rural Non-Farm Activities: A Case Of Marginal And Small Farmers In India	Xingguo Li: China's Resolving Excess Production Capacity Policy on Labour and the Countermeasures
	Mary Bellman: Winning battles locally-successful minimum wage campaigns in US cities and states	Debdulal Saha: Labour Questions in Value Chain: A Study of Small Tea Growers in India.	Edlira Xhafa: Alternative Ways of Organising Public Services and Work in the Public Sector : What Role for Public-Public Partnerships
Carlos Salas : Making a difference - a long-term minimum wage strategy and the role of labour in Brazil	Santosh Kumar Verma : Global Food Regimes and Corporatization of Food Systems: its Implications in the Developing Countries	Hui Xu: Socializing Labor Protest: An Approach Towards Building Workers' Societal Power in China?	
18h00 – 19h00	Dinner		

Day 3: Friday, 30th September 2016

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09h00 – 10h45	Trade Unions & Politics (5A) Venue 1	Precarious Work & Precarious Livelihoods(7A) - Venue 2	Economic Policy & Labour Market (6A) - Venue 3	Forms of Collective Action (2B) Venue 4
	Chairperson: Mirko Herberg	Chairperson: Debdulal Saha	Chairperson: Nicolas Pons-Vignon	Chairperson: Jacklyn Cock
	Martin Egbanubi: Working Class Movement: Quest for Freedom, Social Justice and Democratic governance in Nigeria	Eddie Webster, Akua Britwum & Ben Scully: Rural Urban Linkages in Comparative Perspective: Labour & Survival in Ghana and South Africa	Trevor Evans: The Global Economic Slowdown	Anamitra Roychowdhury: Effectiveness of Trade Unionism in a Globalized World : Evidence from India
	Lucien Van Der Walt: Making Unions Revolutionary? The Revival and Relevance of an Anarchist/Syndicalist Approach to Building Class-Struggle Unionism for Radical Change after the Death of the Enabling State	Saira Akhtar: Women's Rights & Resources Allocation in Rural Livelihoods in Ghana and Pakistan	Hansjoerg Herr: Middle Income Trap and Economic Non-Development	Nicolo Giangrande: The Italian Struggle 'No Scaria a Mare' to save environment and boost the local employment.
	Oswald Warwick: It is a question of Power! Trade unions' political intervention to change the system of governance in Trinidad and Tobago	Hari Kurup: Towards Convergence? Directions of Agricultural Wage in Kerala, India	Seeraj Mohamed: New drivers of BRICS economic cooperation: corporate restructuring and value chains	Bilge Pinar Yenigün: Informal Employment and the Syrian Refugees in Supply Chains: The Case of Textile and Garment Sector in Turkey
	Hilary Wainwright: Converting production to low carbon : the role of workers collaborative creativity	Akua O Britwum, Abdul Ghafoor & Ann Cudjoe : Intervention Effectiveness & Rural Women's Livelihoods in Ghana & Pakistan	Paul Baltar and Eugenia Leone: Effects of Recession on the Brazilian Labour Market in 2015	Jan Theron: Solidarity Road - The story of a trade union in the ending of apartheid'
10h45 – 11h15	Mid-Morning Tea Break			
11h15 – 13h00	POLICY DEBATES: Brazil/Latin America: Coup in Brazil Venue 1	Just Transition to Green Jobs (7C) Venue 2	Wages & Policies (C2) Venue 3	
	Chairperson: Karl von Holdt	Chairperson: Bastian Schulz	Chairperson: Walter Belik	
	Kjeld Jacobsen : The Coup d'Etat in Brazil	Eddie Cottle: The Myth of a Green Economy and Green Jobs: What Strategy for Labour?	Thales Augusto Medeiros Pena: Organization of Production and Working Conditions in the Global Agri-food Systems	
	Luis Campos : The repercussions for Argentina	Hussein Muhsen: Climate Change and a future Renewable Energy Transition - Means to Achieve a Just Transition for the Labour Movement.	Evans Appiah Kissi: The Nature and Determinants of Companies' Reporting on Decent Work Issues	
	Daniel Hawkins : The repercussions for Columbia	Sandra van Niekerk: Renewable energy at a municipal level: possibilities for social ownership?	Joseph Matofari: A Social Dialogue to Enhance Collective Bargaining in Smallholder Agriculture in Sub Saharan Africa	
Leonardo Viera: CUT after the Coup	Andreas Ytterstad & Gunnar Steinsholt: A Green Shift for Oil and Gas Workers	Joao Matos Filho: Public Policies and Decent Work in Global Systems		

13h00 – 14h00	Lunch			
14h00 – 15h45	POLICY DEBATES: Germany: Migrants & Rightwing Backlash – the Implications for Labour Venue	The Contested Workplace (1A) Venue 2	Trade Union Alliances & Resource Struggles (5B) Venue 3	Brown Jobs, Green Jobs (7B) Venue 4
	Chairperson: Michelle Williams	Chairperson: Ben Scully	Chairperson: Praveen Jha	Chairperson: Edward Webster
	Christoph Scherrer: The Negligence of the Working Class	Miriam di Paola: Nursing in South African Public Health, Between a Rock and a Hard Place.	Luis Campos: The Soya Limits: rise and failure of an alliance between government and unions on the basis of extraordinary commodity prices (Argentina 2003-2015)	Andreas Ebisch: Energy Transition & Smart Unions
	Hansjoerg Herr: Role of Germany and German economy in the EMU and why the German position does not stimulate solidarity in Europe	Joao Gabriel Guimaraers Buonavita: How the Uber economy is affecting health services?	Madeline Moore: The Contradictions Underpinning the Relation of Nature and Labour : An Empirical Study of the (lack of) relationship between anti-fracking movement and Trade Unions in Australia	Hilma Mote & Tetteh Homerku: The challenge of structural transformation and employment in Africa in a climate stressed world
	Mirko Herberg: Political attitudes, identities and rightwing populism/extremism	Mark Anner: Worker Rights and the Pricing and Sourcing Squeeze in Apparel Global Supply Chains	Daniel Oberko: The Scramble for Productive Resources in Africa: The Threats and the Way Forward	James Musonda: Mining and the Environment in Zambia
Nico Gianluigi: More productive for better jobs. A cross-country analysis of the linkages between labour productivity and decent employment in agriculture and rural areas		Archana Prasad: Class, Community and Resistance in Leo-Liberal India	Dimitris Stevis: Green Transition? Just Transition? Lessons from the USA	
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