



**The 2nd GLU ASIA ALUMNI REGIONAL WORKSHOP
1-4 November 2022, Yellow Pagoda Hotel, Kathmandu Nepal**

PROGRAMME

Date/Time	Session/Activity	Speakers
31 October (Monday)		
18:00-21:00	Arrival of participants Workshop orientation Welcome Dinner	Global Labour University (GLU) Steering Committee member and conference organizing committee members
1 November (Tuesday)		
9:00-10:00	Welcome Remarks	Shankar Lamichhane, President, UNI-Nepal Labour Council
	Keynote Speaker	Honorable Sher Bahadur Kunwar, Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security, Nepal
	Solidarity messages	
	Special Guest, JTUCC	Representative of Joint Trade Union Coordination Centre (JTUCC)
	GLU Steering Committee	Christoph Scherrer, Professor, University of Kassel
	Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Nepal Office	Jonathan Menge, Resident Representative, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Nepal Office
	Global Unions (UNI-Apro, BWI AP, etc.)	Representatives of Global Union Federations (GUFs)
10:00-10:15	Tea Break	

10:15-12:00	Session 1: Impact of the pandemic in the world of work	Moderator: <i>Parshuram Pudasaini</i> , General Secretary, Union of Public Services in Nepal
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current Restructuring of Global Exploitation Chains 2. Cost of pandemic on life and work of working peoples: Responses of governments and trade unions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Christoph Scherrer, University of Kassel, GLU ▪ Veasna Nuon, Program Manager, APHEDA, Cambodia ▪ Kanak Kumar Barman, Organizing Secretary, Jatiya Shromik Jote, Bangladesh ▪ Aparna Roy, Administrative Coordinator, Asia Floor Wage Alliance, India
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00-14:30	Session 2: The Role of the GLU Alumni Network in the World of Work: Need for Global Solidarity and Global Campaigns	Presentations (Including Small Video Clips) Moderator: <i>Rashmi Divekar</i> , Program Manager, TISS India
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Labour Studies Program in Nepal ▪ About the GLU Alumni Network and on-going campaigns and solidarity ▪ Future network of GLU alumni with academic institutions, trade unions, etc. ▪ Other alumni projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Keshab Adhikari, Coordinator, MA Labour Study Program ▪ Jafar Iqbal, PhD Candidate, University of British Columbia (online presentation) and Kanak Barman, Organizing Secretary, Jatiya Shromik Jote, Bangladesh ▪ CLASS Nepal ▪ Veasna Nuon, Country Manager, APHEDA, Cambodia ▪ Ramon Certeza, Project Coordinator, IndustriALL Philippines ▪ Christine Joy Galunan, Labour Organizer, BMP, Philippines
14:30-14:45	Tea Break	
14:45-16:30	Session 3: How social protection can protect workers and peoples in times of crisis	Moderator: <i>Ajay Kumar</i> , Researcher, AITUC India
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social protection in Asia in the time of COVID-19 2. The Joint Trade Union Coordination Center-JTUCC effort in Unity in Diversity in Nepal (How JTUCC is active in policy changes) 3. Government and trade union initiatives on social protection during the pandemic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Andre Bongestabs, Social Protection Officer, ILO Country Office in Nepal (For confirmation) ▪ Joint Trade Union Coordination Centre (JTUCC) ▪ Sarinah Sarinah, Staff Campaign Division, Federasi Serikat Buruh Demokratik Kerakyatan (FSEDAR), Indonesia ▪ Ramon Certeza, Project Coordinator, IndustriALL Philippines ▪ Christine Joy Galunan, Labour Organizer, BMP, Philippines
18:30-21:00	Welcome Dinner Reception	

2 November (Wednesday)

- 9:00-10:45 **Session 4: Protecting migrant workers in Asia during the pandemic and in the post-pandemic world**
- Moderator:** *Sarinah Sarinah*, Staff Campaign Division, Federasi Serikat Buruh Demokratik Kerakyatan (FSEDKAR), Indonesia
- Dina Nuriyati, Coordinator for Research and International Relation, Serikat Buruh Migran Indonesia (SBMI), Indonesia (online presentation)
 - Safe Migration Network
 - Christine Joy Galunan, Labour Organizer, BMP, Philippines
- 10:45-11:00 **Tea Break**
- 11:00-12:45 **Session 5: Extending collective representation and social protection to vulnerable groups of workers (workers in informal employment, digital platform workers, etc.)**
- Moderator:** *Basudev Barman*, Network Coordinator for Ola and Uber drivers' unions, ITF India
- Melisa Serrano, Professor, School of Labor and Industrial Relations, University of the Philippines
 - Tilak Khadka, Program Coordinator, UNI Global Union, Nepal
 - Nurus Mufidah, ILO Indonesia Office, Indonesia (online presentation)
 - Aurongjeb Akond, Assistant Professor, Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University, Bangladesh
- 12:45-13:45 **Lunch Break**
- 13:45-15:15 **Session 6: The future is public: Expanding public services in a post-pandemic world**
- Panel discussion**
- Moderator:** *Christine Joy Galunan*, Labour Organizer, Bukluran ng Manggagawang Pilipino/BMP, (Solidarity of Filipino Workers), Philippines
- Baba Aye, PSI Health and Social Sector Officer (online presentation)
 - Edlira Xhafa, Executive Director, GLU Online Academy
 - Syaduzzaman MD, Senior Officer, Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies, Bangladesh
- 15:15-15:30 **Tea Break**

- 15:30-17:15 **Session 7: Addressing the impact of the pandemic on women: The role of social protection and public services**
- Moderator:** *Rita Tambunan*, National Consultant, Mondiaal FNV, Indonesia
- Shebana Alqaseer, Program Manager, Center for Women and Gender Studies, University of the Philippines (online presentation)
 - Verna Viajar, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Philippines
 - Asadullah Memon, General Secretary, Pakistan Workers Federation, Pakistan
 - Gia Yuan, Research Coordinator, China (online)

18:30-21:00 Dinner (self-arranged)

3 November (Thursday)

9:00-11:00 **Field visit**

Visit Department of Labour/MOLESS; interaction of alumni on labour migration and migrant workers' social security

12:00-14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00 -15:30 **Session 8: Promotion of GLU education and training opportunities, research projects, and other engagements of GLU alumni in Asia**

- The Labour Policies and Globalisation Programme in the University of Kassel, Germany
- The GLU Online Academy
- The ENGAGE Asia Programme at the School of Labor and Industrial Relations, University of the Philippine
- Other programs and projects of the alumni

Moderator: *Shankar Lamichhane*, President, UNI-Nepal Labour Council

- Rajendra Acharya, Regional Secretary, UNI Asia Pacific Regional Office (UNI APRO)
- Anne Lisa Carstensen, Professor and Executive Director, International Center for Development and Decent Work (ICDD), University of Kassel (online)
- Edlira Xhafa, GLU Online Academy
- Melisa Serrano, Professor, University of the Philippines
- Tilak Jang Khadka, Program Coordinator, UNI Global Union, Nepal

15:30-16:30 **Conference summary and resolution**

Evaluation and closing

18:30-21:00 **Solidarity night**

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4 November (Friday)

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| 9:00-17:00 | Kathmandu City historical site visit and sight-seeing (Observation of labour intensive artisans and the Nepal's socio-economic situation) | Bhaktapur Durbar Square, Swyambhunath (Monkey Temple) & Chandragiri cable car city view

Lunch on the go |
| 18:30-21:00 | Dinner (self-arranged) | |

5 November (Saturday)

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| 12:00 noon | Hotel check-out
Departure | |
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