

**Critical Labour Studies 8th Symposium
18th - 19th February 2012**

**Location:
The Old Fire Station
University of Salford**

SATURDAY

9.00 - 10.00 Registration on Door, Coffee/Tea

10.00 - 11.30 Privatisation and Trade Unions

Privatisation as a Moment of Counter-Hegemony? The Case of Tekel Workers Resistance 2009-2010 in Turkey

Sermin Sarica, Istanbul University

Galip Yalman Middle East Technical University

Economic Liberalisation, Privatization and Trade Unions: The Case of Sudan

Salah Mahdi, Research and Studies Centre, Riyadh Chamber of Commerce, Saudi Arabia

Preparing To Fight: BASSA's transformation between 2007 and 2009

Robert Byford, ex-BASSA activist and photographer and CESR, University of the West of England

Andy Danford, CESR, University of the West of England

11.30 - 12.30 Working Class Movement Library

Presentation, and guided tour registration (to be held Sunday)

12.30 - 1.30 Lunch and CLS AGM

1.30 - 3.00 Casualisation and the Academy

Opening up a public conversation about the casualisation of academic work

Kirsten Forkert, University of East Anglia

Bridget Conon, Kings College London

Higher Education in the UK

Christine Sheehy, Branch President, Salford UCU

Educating Eireann: The role of education and the knowledge economy in the Irish neoliberal era

Joanna McDarby, University of Limerick

3.00 - 3.15 Coffee/Tea

3.15 - 4.15 Archiving Alternatives

Archiving Alternatives: Oral Histories of Waste pickers and their Unions, in India

Liam O'Hanrahan, Huddersfield University

Reflecting on the Labour Movement and its Contribution: the Politics of Memory

Miguel Martinez Lucio, Manchester Business School

4.15 - 5.30 Community Alliances and Unorganised labour.

Challenges to effective engagement of trade unions in broad-based community alliances: a comparative study of London and Sydney

Jane Holgate, University of Leeds

Community organizing makes us stronger? Learning from immigrant domestic work organizing in London

Joyce Zhe Jiang, Loughborough Business School

Capitalism and Superexploitation

John Smith, Kingston University

7.30 Evening Meal (location TBA)

SUNDAY

9.00 - 9.30 Coffee/Tea

9.30 - 11.00 The labour Movement: Boundaries and Solidarities

The global financial crisis, uneven and combined development and the role of labour: what prospects for transnational solidarity?

Andreas Bieler, University of Nottingham

Economic crises, workers' resistance, and socialist strategy

Jamie Gough, University of Sheffield

Left agency and class action: The paradox of workplace radicalism (Capital and Class, 2011, 35(3) 371-389)

Sheila Cohen, author and Trade Union activist

11.00 - 12.00 Working Class Movement Library Guided Tour

12.00 - 1.00 Lunch

1.00 - 2.30 The Global Labour Institute: Informal Economy Workers and the International Trade Union Movement

Informal economy workers and the international trade union movement: an overview

Dan Gallin, Chair of the Global Labour Institute in Geneva and the former General Secretary of the International Union of Foodworkers

The struggle for domestic workers' rights

Karin Pape, European Regional Advisor of Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO), and a Board Member of GLI in Geneva

The organising challenge of precarious and informal work in the transport sector

Alana Dave, Education Officer at the International Transportworkers' Federation (ITF), and a Board member of GLI in Geneva

Building an international network of home-based workers

Dave Spooner, Co-Director of GLI in Manchester, and a consultant to the Organisation & Representation Programme of WIEGO

Unions, academics and NGOs – the WIEGO alliance

Mike Bird, Operations Manager of WIEGO

2.30 – 2.45 Coffee/Tea

2.45 – 3.45 Neoliberal Disciplining and Policy

Popular resistance to neoliberal disciplining in Spain: exploring the difficult relationship between the unions and the "Indignados"

Mònica Clua-Losada, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Greek and Irish youth employment discourses and policies

Orestis Papadopoulos, Warwick Business School

3.45 - 5.15 Labour's Fringes: Forced Labour

International human rights law to protect and compensate victims as translated into policy in Europe

Klara Skrivankova, Anti-Slavery International

Brazilian government's role in value chain interventions seeking to combat forced labour.

Siobhán McGrath, University of Lancaster

UK government policy, asylum seekers and forced labour

Stuart Hodgkinson, University of Leeds

Peter Dwyer, University of Salford

Co-authored with Louise Waite, University of Leeds & Hannah Lewis, freelance researcher

Campus map:

http://criticallabourstudies.org.uk/site/images/CLS_documents/salford_campus_map.pdf

Registration: £60 (includes lunches/refreshments)

Delegates are welcome send a cheque written out to Critical Labour Studies in advance, to shorten registration time on the day, to:

Dr Phoebe Moore
Crescent House
University of Salford
M54WT

(please include a note indicating who you are, if it's not obvious from the cheque)

Accommodation suggestions:

Closest to venue:

Holiday Inn Hotel Manchester-West, Liverpool Street, M5 4LT

<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/manchester/mchsa/hoteldetail>

Salford quays - 30 min walk

Holiday Inn Express - <http://www.expressmanchester.co.uk/>

Premier Inn - <http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/MANQUA/manchester-salford-quays-media-city>

City Centre - 30 min walk

Budget:

Hatters Hostel (dorms) and Hilton Chambers (private rooms)

<http://hattersgroup.com/>

YHA Hostel

<http://www.yha.org.uk/find-accommodation/north-west-cities/hostels/manchester/index.aspx>

More expensive:

The Midland

http://www.laterooms.com/en/hotel-reservations/494_the-midland-a-qhotel-manchester.aspx

Apartments

Roomzzz Manchester

http://www.laterooms.com/en/hotel-reservations/197629_roomzzz-manchester-manchester.aspx

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- *Phoebe Moore, local 8th Symposium organiser, Salford lecturer, and CLS member*

