

## **Critical Labour Studies 7<sup>th</sup> Symposium – 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

### **Location:**

**The Manchester Museum, The University of Manchester,  
Oxford Road, Manchester**

### **Programme**

#### **SATURDAY**

##### **9.00-9.30 – Registration**

##### **9.30 – 11.00 – Restructuring and Unions**

‘Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Culture? Industrial Restructuring and Culture Change: The Strategic Response of Organised Labour’ - Discussion generated by Bill Gray, Convenor, (Tata (Corus UK) Scunthorpe) and Ian Greenwood, (Leeds University Business School, Centre for Employment Relations Innovation and Change (CERIC).

‘Changing union and management strategies in a context of restructuring, marketisation and privatisation – the CWU in Royal Mail’ - Stephen Mustchin, David Beale, (University of Manchester)

‘Milking the Masses for Inspiration’: The Outsourcing of Creative Labour by Apple and Google’ Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn (Luleå University of Technology) Debra Howcroft (University of Manchester)

##### **11.00-11.15. Coffee and Tea**

##### **11.15-12.15 Migration, Exploitation and Labour**

‘Networks of Support for New Migrant Communities: Institutional Goals versus SubstantiveGoals?’ Robert MacKenzie, Chris Forde and Zinovijus Ciupijus, (Leeds University Business School)

‘Lets get back to normal'? Migrant workers, sectarianism and some problems with the labour movement in the north of Ireland" Brian Garvey, Paul Stewart, Jolanta Kulinska, Sherley Dolo, Andrius Cislikaukas

##### **12.15 – 1.00 Lunch**

## **1.00-2.00 Activism and New Agendas in the Current Climate**

‘Who is The Activist? Biographies of worker activists from the North East’  
John Stirling (University of Northumbria) and Jo McBride (University of Bradford),  
Discussant: Shirley Winter

‘Prevailing languages of class – fairness and equality in trade union discourse’  
Sian Moore (London Metropolitan University)

## **2.00-3.00 – Communities, Renewal and the Worker Representation**

‘Active unions, active communities: a local example of trade union/community engagement’  
Jane Holgate CERIC Leeds University and John Page, National Organiser TSSA.

‘The Role of Trades Councils’ Geoff Brown Chair of Manchester Trades Council

‘Developing the Trade Union Branch: the case of the UCU’ Beverley Woodburn UCU

## **3.00-3.30 Coffee and Tea**

### **3.30 – 4.30 Politics, Academics and Worker Struggle**

The BA Dispute in 2010 – Shirley Owen UNITE BASSA

‘Objective but Not Detached: In Defence of Partisanship in Employment Relations Research’  
Professor Ralph Darlington University of Salford

### **4.30 Book Launch**

**Tommy McKearney IWU – organized labour and politics in Northern Ireland**

‘From Insurrection to Parliament’ (Pluto Books)

### **5.30 CLOSE OF DAY**

## **SUNDAY**

### **9.30-10.45 Left Behind: Young Workers**

‘Young workers in crisis’ –three presentations - Lef Kretsos (Coventry University), Mel Simms, Manuela Galetto (Warwick University)

‘Emerging prospects and constraints on getting labour history into the schools: a US perspective’ Anthony Tambureno (West Virginia University)

### **10.45-12.00 Internationalism and Work**

‘International Political Economy of Work and Employability’ Phoebe Moore Salford University

‘Flexicurity and atypical employment as integrated parts of the new neoliberal employment agenda: a view from Greece and the European South.’ Stelios Gialis Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

‘China and the International Labour Movement’ Charles Umney University of Leeds

### **12.00-12.30 LUNCH**

### **12.30 -2.00 - The End of the Public and Free University Britain?**

Cases from the frontline: UWE (Andy Danford, UWE) and Sian Moore (London Metropolitan),

### **Discussion**

### **2.00- 3.00 CLS Meeting**

### **Finish 3.00**

***Organisers: Jane Holgate, Miguel Martinez Lucio, Jo McBride, and Debra Howcroft***

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