

**Critical Labour Studies Symposium**  
**2-3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013**  
**Ruskin College, Ruskin Hall, Oxford, OX3 9BZ**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**9.00 – 10.00 Registration on Door, Tea & Coffee**

**10.00 - 10.15 Introduction from CLS**

**10.15 – 11.30 Organised Labour and Migration**

*What is the union for? A comparison of union responses to undocumented labour in Italy and the UK*

Ben Egan (Ruskin College, MA Alumni and NUT Regional Organiser – personal capacity)  
Ian Fitzgerald (Northumbria University)

*Migration and Progressive Politics: a discussion on populism and racism in labour relations*  
Wilf Sullivan (TUC), Kirsten Forkert (UEA), Heather Connolly (DeMontfort), Stefania Marino (Manchester), Miguel Martinez Lucio (Manchester)

**11.30 – 12.30 Organising Futures**

*Unionised sex workers: international experiences, challenges and lessons*

Jennifer Webber (Ruskin College, MA ILTUS Alumni) and Ana Lopes (University of East London)

*Community organising in the UK: the new organizing model or a return to our past?*

Jane Holgate (Leeds University) and John Page, Assistant Gen. Sec. of the TSSA

**12.30-12.45 Short Coffee Tea/Break**

**12.45 – 1.15 Ruskin College & Radical Oxford: History and legacy**

*Radical Oxford & Ruskin College*

Keiron Walsh (ex-Ruskin College student and political activist)

*Ruskin College & the Destruction of Student Archives: Fighting for Ruskin's Future*

John Walker (Chair, UCU Ruskin Branch and history tutor)

**1.15 – 2.15 Lunch and CLS AGM**

*A display of images and objects representing the historical and contemporary work of Ruskin College in labour movements internationally will be on display in the dining area.*

### **2.15 – 3.15 The Evolution of Lean & the Politics of Production**

*A comparative analysis of evolution of Lean Production in the international automotive industry in Britain and Poland*

Paul Stewart, Andy Danford, Adam Mrozowicki and Kenny Murphy

*Militancy and moderation as contradictory worker orientations in the 'politics of production'*

Tony Dobbins (Bangor University, Wales), Tony Dundon (National University of Ireland)

### **3.15 – 3.30 Break for Coffee and Tea**

### **3.30 – 4.30 Panel Discussion: The Scope and Limits of Radical Political Unionism**

- Ralph Darlington (University of Salford)
- Heather Connolly (De Montfort University)
- Martin Upchurch (Middlesex University)
- Alex Gordon (National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers)

### **4.30 – 5.00 Labour Geographies and New Workplaces**

*'A science to it': flexible time and flexible subjectivity in the digital workplace*

Frederick H Pitts (PhD Student, Bath University)

### **5.00-6.00 Open Discussion: Worker Education and the Alternative Learning Agendas**

Discussion led by Ian Manborde with contributions from *Education Uncut*

### **6.30 Evening Meal Buffet (Ruskin)**

## **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**9.00 – 9.30 Coffee/tea available**

### **9.30 – 10.30 International Labour & Trade Union Studies at Ruskin College**

In collaboration with CLS 2013 students and staff of Ruskin College's International Labour & Trade Union Studies (ILTUS) programme area have been offered this forum to generate discussion around current areas of research and trade union activity.

### **10.30 – 11.30 Pedagogy, Teachers and Working Lives**

*Politics, Power and Pedagogy in Trade Union Education: the historical context and 1980s experience*

Stephen Mustchin, David Beale (University of Manchester)

*Working Lives: Teachers and students and their voice as workers*  
Carol Stephenson (Northumbria University)

**11.30-11.45 Coffee & Tea**

**11.45-12.45 Care and Labour**

*Organising domiciliary care workers*

Sian Moore, (University of West of England) and Roger McKenzie, (Assistant General Secretary) UNISON

*Endgame? Right-wing politics and attacks on public sector unions in the US and Canada*

Jason Russell (Empire State College, New York)

**12.45-1.15 The Politics of the International Trade Union Movement: The Global Labour Institute**

Jo Holly (GLI UK) and Joe Sutcliffe to lead discussion

**1.15 – 2.15 Lunch and Discussion for Future Developments**

**2.15-3.15 Labour Movements: Boundaries and Solidarities**

*Is another unionism possible? An examination of the theory and practice of Solidarity Unionism as practiced in the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) in the United States and Canada*

Dek Keenan (Ruskin College, MA ILTUS Alumni, IWW Activist)

*Being an activist in Africa*

John Stirling (Northumbria University)

**3:15 – 4.00 Workfare and resistance: 'If you exploit us we will shut you down'**

*The Work Programme and the rise of multinational welfare-to-work providers*

Ian Greer (University of Greenwich), Helen Flanagan (PCS), Rosanne Rabinowitz (Boycott Workfare), Mark Stuart (Leeds University), Graham Symon (Greenwich University), and John Ward (Leeds University)

**END OF SESSION**

## CLS 2013 @ Ruskin

### Ruskin's Location:

[http://www.ruskin.ac.uk/about/location/stoke\\_house](http://www.ruskin.ac.uk/about/location/stoke_house)

### CLS Website:

<http://criticallabourstudies.org.uk/site/>

### Registration: £80 (£40 Unwaged/Students) (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:

**Ian Manborde**

**Ruskin College**

**Ruskin Hall**

**Dunstan Road**

**Oxford OX3 9BZ**

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

**YOU HAVE TO REGISTER BEFORE COMING DUE TO SPACE RESTRICTIONS**

### Accommodation suggestions:

Limited B&B accommodation is available at Ruskin for £55 per night. Email Sally Courtney to book this: [scourtney@ruskin.ac.uk](mailto:scourtney@ruskin.ac.uk)

### Closest

<http://www.bellhouseoxford.co.uk/>

<http://www.pickwicksguesthouse.co.uk/>

<http://www.mulberryguesthouse.co.uk/>

<http://www.redmullions.co.uk/>

### Budget

<http://www.centralbackpackers.co.uk/>

<http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/oxford>

<http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/oxford>

### More Expensive

<http://www.oxfordrooms.co.uk/>

[http://www.oxfordcity.co.uk/oxford/home\\_accommodation\\_guest\\_houses\\_b\\_b\\_band\\_b\\_pound\\_60\\_pound\\_100\\_guest\\_houses\\_b\\_b.html](http://www.oxfordcity.co.uk/oxford/home_accommodation_guest_houses_b_b_band_b_pound_60_pound_100_guest_houses_b_b.html)

<http://oxford-spires-hotel.four-pillars.co.uk/>

<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/gb/en/oxford/ofduk/hoteldetail>

## Trade Union & Labour Studies @ Ruskin



Current students of the MA in international labour and trade union studies, and the 2010-12 cohort



Students being awarded certificates having completed the TUC Diploma in Employment Law



The student strike of 1908 which led to the formation of the Plebs' League



Ruskin's most recent trade union education partnership was signed with ACCORD in 2011



Ruskin at Tolpuddle