



Critical Labour Studies

11th Annual Symposium

28th February - 1st March 2014

Ruskin College, Ruskin Hall, Oxford, OX3 9BZ

Saturday 28th February

9.00 – 10.00 Registration on Door, Tea & Coffee

10.00 - 10.15 Introduction from CLS & Ruskin

10.15 – 11.00 Strategies of change and renewal in organised labour

Why Trade Unions Should Still Be Interested in Worker's Control

Hilary Wainwright & John Stirling

Managing Misbehaviour and Exit: is this now the function of Irish trade unions?

Tish Gibbons

11.00- 11.45 Global Capitalism and Labour

Dock Workers Resistance and Union reform within China's global supply chain

Jack Xuebing Cao

Crowdwork - Piecework in in the Global Virtual Sweatshop

Martin Risak

Struggling in and Against the State:

The Cases of Domestic Workers and Logistics Workers' Unions in Turkey

Demet Şahende Dinler

11.45-12.00 Break

12.00 – 12.45 Migration and Labour

10 years on: what have we learnt about organising with migrant workers since the 2004 A8 accession?

Ben Sellers, Heather Connolly, and UNISON representative

Neoliberalism East and West: the impact of migration on health sector employment relations in the UK and Romania.

Dragos Adascalitei & Ben Egan

12.45 – 1.45 Lunch

1.45 – 2.15 The European Dilemma and Trade Unions

Beyond Europhilia versus Euroscepticism? UK Unions and the EU in comparative perspective

Graham Taylor, Sue Milner & Andy Mathers

2.15 – 3.15 Gender, Labour and Socialism

The Future of Socialist Feminism

Sian Moore and Hazel Conley

Leaning on Gramsci – prospects for a gender politics of resistance and challenge to masculinised labour movements in the long crisis of neo-liberalism.

Sue Ledwith

Intersectionality: an abstract theory or useful tool?

Tracy Walsh

3.15-3.30 Break for Coffee and Tea

3.30-4.30 Labour and National Identity: fragmentation or opportunity

"The Québec Referendums, the Working Class, Capital, and the State"

Jason Russell

"Creatures from the Crypt: Lessons of the Scottish referendum, the crisis of UK labour party and the demise of the British state."

Paul Stewart & Tommy McKearney

4.30-5.00 The Public Sector and 'Change'

Firefighters and the winter 2013-14 floods: the FBU perspective

Paul Hampton, Fire Brigades Union

5.00-6.00 CLS Tomorrow & AGM

Into the next decade

John Stirling

6.30 Evening Meal Buffet (Ruskin)

Sunday 1st March

9.00 – 9.45 Coffee/tea available

9.45 – 11.15 International Labour & Trade Union Studies at Ruskin College: Chairs Pete Dwyer and Tracy Walsh (There may be two sessions running parallel)

In collaboration with CLS 2015 students and staff of Ruskin College's International Labour and Trade Union Studies (ILTUS) programme area have been offered this forum to generate discussion around current areas of research and trade union activity:

Matt Hannam MA ILTUS (Ruskin College)

The ascendancy of neoliberal ideology in the state school system of both the UK and Chicago in the US

Trade Union Responses to Sectarianism: A Case Study of Iraq and Northern Ireland

Paul Williams

Chilayi Mayondi MA ILTUS (Ruskin College)

Unionising young workers in the era of trade union decline

And others

11.15- 12.30 The challenge of change and organised labour

Trade Unions and their control over workers: The murder of Mariano Ferreyra and the Argentine trade union system

Luciana Zorzoli

The Challenges of Labour-Environmental Alliances

Daniel Jakopovich

Does the labour market duality still explain causes and consequences of trade unions responses to the rise of contingent labour?

Danat Valizade

Two decades of deregulation of the Italian labour market: a critical analysis and consequences for unions and politics

Tania Toffanin

12.30-1.15 Lunch

1.15-2.00 Unions and IO Responses to the new world of work

Phoebe Moore. Martin Upchurch, Pav Akhtar

2.00-3.00 Discussion *Glorious defeat or fight from within? The choice facing trade unions in the new co-operative and mutual landscape.*

Cilla Ross coordinator

Ruskin's Location:

http://www.ruskin.ac.uk/about/location/stoke_house

CLS Website:

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

Registration: £90 (£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:

Pete Dwyer

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

Email: critical_labour_studies@yahoo.com

Accommodation suggestions:

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Critical Labour Studies is now in its 11th year and over that time we have brought to bring together researchers and activists to discuss key features of work and employment from a radical and labour-focused perspective. It has been successful in creating links between the activities of trade unionists, activists, universities, and researchers, allowing a broad and critical debate to emerge.

Through **Critical Labour Studies** we have developed an open working group and discussion forum that engages with many of the challenges facing researchers and trade unionists within the current environment of work and employment and we have done this without institutional support or financial backing.

However, we do need a little money to continue to exist – to pay for the website and to hold our annual conferences and to be able to support contributors to the conference who do not have institutional (or personal) resources on which to draw.

As such we are asking **Critical Labour Studies** supporters to agree to an annual membership and where possible to also consider making a donation.

If you wish **Critical Labour Studies** to continue holding its annual symposium and acting as an important link between practitioners/activists in the labour movement and academia then we would ask you to considered making a contribution to ensure our continuing existence.

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

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