

**Global Labour Research Centre**  
**2021 Graduate Student Symposium: Critical Conversations in Work and Labour**  
**Call for Proposals**

**Conference Dates:** TBD (Selected dates in October 2021)

**Submissions deadline extended to August 31, 2021**

The Global Labour Research Centre (GLRC) at York University invites proposals for presentations at an online workshop series, which will take place on selected days in October 2021.

Building on the tradition of GLRC annual conferences, this online series is designed to promote the scholarship of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Our goal is to create a series reflective of the wide range of themes and methodological and theoretical approaches pertaining to the study of work and labour. To encourage broad and intersectional conversations around work, labour and capitalism, we welcome proposals on topics including (but not limited to):

- Employment and community organizing
- Essential work under COVID-19
- Gig workers and unions
- Labour process theory
- Work alienation and job precarity
- Work equity, diversity, and inclusion
- Racial capitalism, colonialism, and work
- Work, media and popular culture
- Work, migration, and globalization
- Labour movements, political parties, and the state
- Social reproduction, care work, and social provisioning
- Socialism and worker solidarity

This online series aims to bridge the conversation gap between academics, community activists, and union representatives, so as to foster meaningful and practical dialogue. This platform should offer networking opportunities for emerging academics and practitioners to exchange ideas and reflect on their work. While the annual GLRC Graduate Student Symposium is a great opportunity for graduate students to present dissertation work, we also welcome research papers and other works in progress for feedback and discussion.

**Proposal Submissions:**

The GLRC Graduate Student Symposium is open **internationally**. Submissions are limited to graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and early-career independent researchers. For individual presentations, please provide a title and a 250-word abstract of the proposed presentation, along with a short biography, including affiliation, current position, and research interests. For panel submissions, please provide a title and 250-word summary for the overall session, along with titles, abstracts, and bios for all session participants.

Please submit your proposal and supporting information using the following [link](#). **The NEW EXTENDED deadline for submissions is Tuesday, August 31, 2021 by 11:59 pm ET.** Participants will be notified of the status of their proposal by September 17, 2021.

**Publication of Presentations:**

Following the online series, participants will be invited to submit their papers for online publication on the GLRC website.

**Registration:**

Registration is free for all attendees and presenters.

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The Global Labour Research Centre (GLRC) at York University promotes the study of work, employment, and labour. The Centre's mandate is to support engaged, interdisciplinary, collaborative, and accessible research on pressing issues of economic and social justice.

[Visit the GLRC website for more information.](#)

You can find presentation recordings of last year's graduate student symposium, *New Voices in Work & Labour Studies*, on our [YouTube channel](#).

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