

York University's *Global Labour Research Centre (GLRC)* presents the 6th annual

GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM:

*CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS IN
WORK AND LABOUR*

OCTOBER 14TH-16TH, 2021



WELCOME

On behalf of the Global Labour Research Centre (GLRC) at York University, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 6th annual Graduate Student Symposium: Critical Conversations in Work and Labour. The workshop series is designed as a forum to showcase the scholarship of emerging voices in labour studies scholarship, specifically graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and early-career independent researchers.

This online workshop showcases research on a wide range of issues related to the study of work and labour in a global context. It is our hope that the workshop will provide an interdisciplinary venue for new scholars in the field of labour studies to share their research in a collaborative and supportive environment. Thank you to all workshop participants and to the organizers who have pulled together an excellent programme. We are very excited for this initiative and look forward to a diverse and exciting interdisciplinary workshop series.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

TIME (EST)	SESSION TITLE	PRESENTATIONS
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	<p>Section 1A <i>Precarity and the Pandemic</i></p> <p>REGISTER</p>	<p>Moderator: Cheuk Ming Tsang (<i>City University of Hong Kong</i>) Respondent: Bill Taylor (<i>City University of Hong Kong</i>)</p> <p>Engendering Precarity: Covid-19 and the Politics of Labour Law Reforms in India Charvaak Pati (<i>Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India</i>)</p> <p>Pandemic Alienation Joseph Fantauzzi (<i>York University</i>)</p> <p>The Costs of Discussing Only the Benefits: A Critique of the Celebratory Narrative of the 2022 Qatar World Cup Sanjana Rahman (<i>York University</i>)</p>
	<p>Section 1B <i>Resistance in the Gig Economy</i></p> <p>REGISTER</p>	<p>Moderator: Munjeera Jefford (<i>York University</i>) Respondent: Steven Tufts (<i>York University</i>)</p> <p>Food Delivery and Resistance in Urban Spaces: Case Study of Platform Work in Toronto and Paris Emile Baril (<i>York University</i>)</p> <p>‘Alt-Labour’ As A Way Forward for Organising of Gig-Economy Workers in India Vijay Ram Subbhanan (<i>Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi</i>)</p> <p>Hustlin’ Hard Vanisha Sukdeo (<i>Osgoode</i>)</p>
12:45 PM - 2:15 PM	<p>Section 2A <i>Gig Work and the Platform Economy</i></p> <p>REGISTER</p>	<p>Moderator: Brent Toye (<i>York University</i>) Respondent: Mark Thomas (<i>York University</i>)</p> <p>Uber: A Case Study of Differentiated Accumulation in the Demand Transportation Sector Trung Ngo (<i>York University</i>)</p> <p>Ensuring Better Gig Work – Beyond Misclassification Issue Jelena Starcevic (<i>McMaster University</i>)</p> <p>Temporary Movement, Temporary Job: “Flexibility” of Food Delivery Workers in China’s Technology-Driven Economy Xue Ma (<i>University of Victoria</i>)</p>

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12:45 PM - 2:15 PM	<p>Section 2B <i>Precarious Workers and Empowerment: Reflection on Research Methods</i></p> <p>REGISTER</p>	<p>Moderator: Leah McGrath Reynolds (<i>McMaster University</i>) Respondent: Jorge Frozzini (<i>Université du Québec à Chicoutimi</i>)</p> <p>Methodological Approach and Considerations to Produce and Disseminate Relevant Knowledge with/for the Temporary Agency Workers Association of Montreal Manuel Salamanca Cardona (<i>IWC - UQAM - Udm - GIREPS</i>)</p> <p>Researching the Working Conditions of Uber Drivers; Do We Need to take Sides? - Insights from Fieldwork Practices in the City of Montreal Rabih Jamil (<i>Université de Montréal</i>)</p> <p>Partnership Research with Community Organizations - Thinking of the Precariousness of Workers' Conditions - by and for the Community Mylene Fauvel (<i>Université de Montréal</i>)</p> <p>Between Action and Research: Ethical and Political Issues in Conducting Participatory Action Research with and for Precarious Workers Cheolki Yoon (<i>Université de Montréal</i>)</p> <p>Developing a Gendered-Specific Approach to Women's Precarity in the Construction Industry in Quebec from within: A Review of Methodological Shift(s) and Evolution(s) in a Research-Formation Program with Action Travail des Femmes (ATF) Laurence Hamel-Roy (<i>Concordia University</i>)</p>
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<p><i>John Eleen Annual Lecture in Global Labour</i></p> <p>REGISTER</p>	<p>Moderator: Angele Alook (<i>York University</i>)</p> <p>Border Imperialism: Migration, Racial Capitalism, and Labour Struggles Harsha Walia</p>

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	<p>Section 1B <i>Global Labour on the Margins</i></p> <p>REGISTER</p>	<p>Moderator: Shruti Kalyanaraman (<i>York University</i>) Respondent: Coşku Çelik (<i>York University</i>)</p> <p>Youth and Labour Landscapes in Turkey: Responses, Refusals and Contestations Hilal Kara (<i>Queen’s University</i>)</p> <p>How Could we (Re)think about Small-Scale Agriculture, Informality and Gender Issues in Sub-Saharan Africa beyond Development Discourses? Tatiane Sant’ Ana Coelho Reis (<i>York University</i>)</p> <p>Virtual Islamophobia: An exploration of gendered labour in the Twittersphere Aaliya Khan (<i>York University</i>)</p>
12:45 PM - 2:15 PM	<p>Section 2A <i>Political Economy of Class and Social Reproduction</i></p> <p>REGISTER</p>	<p>Moderator: Leah McGrath Reynolds (<i>McMaster University</i>) Respondent: Greg Albo (<i>York University</i>)</p> <p>Militarization and Dependency in the age of (Ultra)Neoliberalism: On Permanence, Ruptures and the Brazilian Genocidal Social-Reproductive Pattern Rhaysa Sampaio Ruas da Fonseca (<i>Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro</i>)</p> <p>The Role of Psychologists in Workplaces: Allies or Adversaries? Susannah Mulvale (<i>York University</i>)</p>

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

TIME (EST)	SESSION TITLE	PRESENTATIONS
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	<p><i>Public Policy and Labour</i></p> <p>REGISTER</p>	<p>Moderator: Brent Toye (York University) Respondent: Bryan Evans (X University)</p> <p>Is the Definition of Disability for Social Assistance Inclusive? Cheuk Ming Tsang (City University of Hong Kong)</p> <p>Anti-Racist or Anti-Social Justice? A Critical Inquiry on New Public Management Principles and Practices in Universities Silvia Vong (OISE of the University of Toronto)</p> <p>A Critical Perspective on Quebec's Active Aging Strategy Pierre Tircher (Université de Montréal)</p> <p>Care Work in the Camp: A Critical Examination of Quality Assurance Measures in Ontario's Developmental Services Sabine A. Fernandes (York University)</p>
12:45 PM - 2:15 PM	<p><i>Sex, Gender and the World of Work</i></p> <p>REGISTER</p>	<p>Moderator: Munjeera Jefford (York University) Respondent: Judy Fudge (McMaster University)</p> <p>Effects of postponing fatherhood on wages: A comparison of West Germany and the United Kingdom Linda Vecgaile (European University Institute)</p> <p><i>*continued on pg. 06*</i></p>

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