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***Political Economy of the World System XXXVI***

***Labor, Democracy and Global Capitalism***

***Clark University***

***Worcester, Massachusetts***

***April 20-22, 2012***

**Friday, April 20th**

**9:00 – 9:30 am Continental Breakfast**

**Lobby of Grace/Lurie Conference Rooms, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor**

**9:30 – 11:15 am** **Optional** **Tour of Neighborhood Partnership, with Jack Foley, Clark University Vice President for Government and Community Affairs and Campus Services**

Vans depart from Maywood Street entrance to campus.

*Limited seating available – please reserve space in advance.*

**11:45 am – 1:00 pm**  **Opening Plenary and Luncheon**

**Tilton Hall, Higgins University Center, 2nd Floor**

Welcome: Davis Baird, Clark University Provost

Keynote Presentation: Immanuel Wallerstein: “Labor versus Capital?”

**1:10 – 2:40 pm** **Panel 1: A Race to the Bottom; Chair: David Smith**

**Grace Conference Room, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor**

* “From Waste to Resources, or Old Wine in New Bottles? Interrogating ‘Race to the Bottom’ in the Hazardous Waste Industry”

*Christina Lucier (Boston College) and Brian Gareau (Boston College)*

* “What will be the Fate of Mexico, a Nation Dependent upon a Declining Hegemon?”

*Kathleen Schwartzman (University of Arizona)*

* “Is Any Country in the Global South Undercutting Mexican Wages?”

*Ian Robinson (University of Michigan)*

* “Autoworkers North and South: Restructuring in the Global Auto Industry and its Consequences”

*Nicole Aschoff* *(Boston University)*

**2:40 – 3:00 pm** **Coffee Break**

**3:00 – 4:30 pm** **Panel 2: Power Leverage and Finance; Chair: Kathleen Schwartzman**

**Grace Conference Room, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor**

**Friday, April 20th (cont.)**

* “Are Transport and Raw Materials Still Vulnerable Nodes in Capitalist Commodity Chains?”

*Paul Ciccantell (Western Michigan University), David Smith (University of California, Irivine) and Elizabeth Sowers (University of California, Irvine)*

* “China and U.S. Multinational Corporations in the Global Economy: Neo-Liberalism and Labor in the Export Manufacturing Sector”

*Wai Kit Choi (California State University, Los Angeles) and David Smith (University of California, Irvine)*

* “Financial Inclusion? The International Finance Corporation and Financial Institution Building”

*Jayson Funke (Clark University)*

* “Financialization and Labor Organizing in the Commercial Real Estate Industry”

*Kyle Arnone (University of California, Los Angeles)*

**4:30 – 6:30 pm** **Free Time**

**6:30 pm** **Dinner and Socializing at Clark University**

**Winton Faculty Dining Room, Higgins University Center, 2nd Floor**

**Saturday, April 21st**

**8:30 – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast**

**Lobby of Grace/Lurie Conference Rooms, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor**

**9:00 – 10:30 am Panel 3: Production, Reproduction, Well-Being; Chair: Tom Hall**

**Lurie Conference Room, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor**

* + - * **“**Debt Bondage and Gender Inequalities in Philippine Fishery Exporting”

*Maria Cecilia Macabuac-Ferolin (Mindanao State University, Philippines) and Wilma A. Dunaway (Virginia Tech)*

* + - * “Democracy and Child Health in Developing Countries”

*Rebekah Burroway (Stony Brook University)*

* + - * “The Intersection of Reproduction and Production”

*Shelley Feldman (Cornell University)*

**10:30 – 10:45 am Coffee Break**

**10:45 am – 12:15 pm Panel 4: Worker Rights and Their Extensions; Chair: Ian Robinson**

**Lurie Conference Room, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor**

* + - * “Fair Flowers: Fair Trade Certification, Labor Organization & Worker Rights in Ecuador”

*Laura Raynolds (Colorado State University)*

**Saturday, April 21st (cont.)**

* + - * “Private Regulatory Systems, Workers' Rights, and Democracy”

*Matthew Williams (Boston College)*

* + - * “The Occupy Wall Street (OWS) Movement and the Global Crisis”

*Ganesh Trichur (Hunter College)*

**12:15 – 1:15 pm Lunch**

**Lurie Conference Room, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor**

Greetings: Nancy Budwig, Clark University Associate Provost/Dean of Research

**1:15 – 2:45 pm Panel 5: Survival and Resistance; Chair: Wilma A. Dunaway**

**Lurie Conference Room, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor**

* + - * “What Might We Learn from Indigenous Communities and their Resistances to Globalization?”

*Tom Hall (DePauw University)*

* + - * “Repertoires of Survival and Resistance to Marginalization in the Global Context”

*Christine Monnier (College of DuPage) and Joy Inouye (College of DuPage)*

* + - * “Exploring the Meanings of Resistance in the Era of World-System Collapse”

*Glen David Kuecker (DePauw University)*

* + - * “A Post-Soviet Economy: Armenia in the Age of Viper Capitalism”

*Levon Chorbajian (University of Massachusetts, Lowell)*

**2:45 – 3:00 pm Coffee Break**

**3:00 – 4:30 pm Panel 6: Labor Movements, Democracy and Inequality; Chair: Levon Chorbajian**

**Grace Conference Room, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor**

* “Contemporary Patterns of Migration in the World-System”

*Scott Albrecht (University of Maryland) and Roberto Korzeniewicz (University of Maryland)*

* “International Labor Solidarity: The U.S. and Iraqi Union Movements (2003-2011)”

*Michael Zweig (Stony Brook University)*

* “Economic Inequality, the Fourth Regime and the American Welfare State”

*Scott Albrecht (University of Maryland)*

**4:30 – 6:15 pm Free Time**

**6:15 – 7:15 pm Dinner**

**Winton Faculty Dining Room, Higgins University Center, 2nd Floor**

Welcome: David Angel, Clark University President

**7:30 pm Special Entertainment: “Jimmy Tingle for President”**

**Jefferson Academic Center, Room 320**

**Sunday, April 22nd**

**8:30 – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast**

**Lobby of Grace/Lurie Conference Rooms, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor**

**9:00 – 10:30 am Panel 7: Social Movements and Protest Waves; Chair: Shelley Feldman**

**Lurie Conference Room, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor**

* “The Rising Tide: Social Change and Social Movements in the Modern World-System”

*Robert Schaefer (Kansas State University) and Frank Weyher (Kansas State University)*

* “Strange Parallels: World-Historical Dynamics and Protest Waves in the Global Semiperiphery, 1875-2008”

*Chungse Jung (Binghamton University)*

* “From the Imposition of Austerity to Protest in the Streets: Long-Term Hardships, the Moral Economy, and Mobilization”

*Jon Shefner (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), George Pasdirtz (University of Tennessee, Knoxville) and Aaron Rowland (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)*

* “Revisiting Forces of Labor”

*Beverly Silver (Johns Hopkins University)*

**10:30 am Closing Remarks**

**10:45 am – 12:45 pm Optional Industrial History Bus Tour with Doug Johnson, Professor Emeritus of Geography**

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