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LABOUR AND THE GLOBAL CRISIS: SHARING THE BURDEN! SHAPING THE FUTURE?

VI. GLOBAL LABOUR UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE

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Berlin School of Economics and Law /
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The Global Labour University invites trade unionists and academic scholars to explore ideas for a progressive alternative to the failed globalisation regime. Fundamental change is required to protect people and societies against the current economic disorder. Democratic decision making needs to be the master of the market and not vice versa.

In this unprecedented global crisis, business as usual is not an option. In response to this crisis, we will see either the dismantling of the welfare state and the public sector, or a policy change to reduce inequality, provide universal public services, progressively tax income and wealth, and strengthen democracy vis-à-vis economic interests. Even a largely uncontrollable financial and economic breakdown cannot be ruled out, if the irresponsible financial markets are not brought under control.

The VI. GLU conference aims to provide a space for generating progressive responses to this crisis and the challenges labour is facing.

Key note speakers

> **Michael Sommer**

Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund (DGB)

> **Robert H. Wade**

Development Studies Institute (DESTIN),
London School of Economics

> **Beverly Silvers** (tbc)

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA

> **Amit Bhaduri**

Centre for Economic Studies and Planning,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

> **Walden Bello** (tbc)

Focus on the Global South;
University of the Philippines

and others.

Parallel Discussion Groups

1. Analyses of the crisis and short-term options
2. Employment Developments and Labour Market Regulations after the Crisis
3. Changes in the global economy and power structures and global governance reforms
4. The financial system, distribution and growth
5. Social safety nets and the public sector
6. Financial systems, corporate governance and multinational companies
7. Looking beyond the horizon – are there fundamental options?
8. Wage led recovery strategies
9. Are Public Banks an Alternative to Crisis Prone Finance Capital?

The conference will be held in English.

More information about the conference and the registration process is available at:

www.global-labour-university.org/233.html

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