



# Global Labour University Workshop 2008 : Multinationals and the Global Challenges for Trade Unions

19. – 20. June 2008, Ver.di – Headquarters, Berlin



## Programme

### Thursday, 19.06.08

Arrival	11:30	Start with a Light Lunch
Opening	12:30	Welcome
Session		ver.di (Uwe Wötzel), DGB (Bianca Kühl),
Room Aida		ILO (Frank Hoffer)
		Chair: Mike Fichter (FU Berlin)
<u>Session 1</u>	13:00 –	Multinationals and the Global Challenges for Trade
	15:00	Unions.
<u>Room:</u>		• Keynote speaker: Sharan Burrow (ITUC)
Aida		Chair: Bianca Kühl (DGB)
	15:30 –	Implementing Labour Standards.
	17:00	Local organizing strategies and campaigns
<u>Rooms:</u>		<u>Parallel Presentations:</u>
Otto Dix		• Focus on Suppliers: Jenny Holdcroft (IMF)
		Chair: Verena Schmidt (ILO)
Aida		• Procurement Policy: Frank Hoffer (ILO)
		Chair: Christof Dieterle (Uni Kassel)

### Friday, 20.06.08

<u>Session 3</u>	9:30 –	Tools for Implementing Labour Standards in the Global
	11:00	South
<u>Rooms:</u>		<u>Parallel Presentations:</u>
Otto Dix		• OECD Guidelines: Andreas Botsch (DGB)
		Chair: Frank Hoffer (ILO)
Othello		• ILO's tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning
		Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy (MNE
		Declaration):
		Verena Schmidt (ILO)
		Chair: Mike Fichter (FU Berlin)
<u>Session 4</u>	11:30 –	Labor Standards. Global and Local Fields of Action for
	13:00	Labor
<u>Rooms:</u>		<u>Parallel Presentations:</u>
Othello		• Bilateral vs. multilateral trade agreements:
		Esther Busser (ITUC)
		Chair: Donna McGuire (Uni Kassel)
Otto Dix		• Transnational networks and organizing in the steel
		sector:
		Michael Breidbach/Markus Bendig
		(Arcelor Mittal)
		Chair: Horst Mund (IG Metall)
<u>Session 5</u>	14:00 –	Informal and formal economy.
	15:30	Trade Union strategies for bridging the gap
<u>Rooms:</u>		<u>Parallel Presentations:</u>
Othello		• Regional Focus Asia: Michael Crosby (UNI)
		Chair: Varsha Ayyar (Tata Institute)
Otto Dix		• Regional Focus Africa: Dave Spooner
		(UNITETHEUNION)
		Chair: Katharina Schiederig (FU Berlin)
<u>Final Session</u>	16:00	Review and Assessment
Othello		Chair: Mike Fichter (FU Berlin)

### Information

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