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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

14.00 Arrival and Registration

Gießhaus

15.00 Welcome

Gießhaus

Prof. Dr. Rolf-Dieter Postlep (President UNIK)

Dr. Ursula Engelen-Kefer (DGB)

Bob Harris (GUF)

Dan Cunniah (ILO ACTRAV)

16.00 Plenary Session

Gießhaus

Chair: Kjeld Jakobsen (Observatorio Social/CUT)

Key note speaker: Mike Waghorne (PSI) – Global challenges for labour

Discussant: Horst Mund (FES)

18.30 Reception

City Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

9.00 Plenary Session

Gießhaus

Introduction to the governance research agenda, *Christoph Scherrer*

9.30 – 10.45 Workshops

A1. Labour’s Role in Global Governance

Room 608

Chair: Bob Harris

- Global Governance as practice and discourse of neoliberal globalisation, *Ulrich Brand*
- From Global Unions Federation to global unions? – International union responses to globalisation, *Steve Davies & Glynnne Williams*
- Social movements (old and new) and the Augean Stables of Global Governance, *Peter Waterman*
- Putting the Global Governance puzzle together – ensuring the interests of workers through coherence and cooperation, *Kristian Weise*

A2. Enforcing Core Labour Rights I

Senatssaal

Chair: Dan Cunniah

- Transnational social regulation in the NAFTA – a problem of institutional design?, *Rainer Dombois & Jens Winter*
 - OECD Guidelines for Multinationals, *Veronica Nilsson*
 - Trade union strategies regarding labour rights provisions in bilateral and regional trade agreements, *Thomas Greven*
- Comment: Esther Busser (ICFTU)

A3. Adjustments to Globalization

Room 614

Chair: Christoph Scherrer

- A transition of industrial relations: From technical-organisational to social restructuring, *Wolfgang Schröder & Reiner Weinert*
- Trade union responses to globalisation and the growing informalisation of work, *Kingsley Ofei-Nkansah*
- Strategies of trade union development by international comparison, *Juri Hälker & Claudius Valley*
- The impact of Foreign Direct Investments of West European based companies on the labour relations in the new EU member states, *Jochen Tholen*

10.45 Break

11.15 – 13.00 Workshops

B1. International Activities of Trade Unions I

Room 608

Chair: N.N.

- “Keeping education out of GATS”: Global labour’s mobilisation against the liberalising of education services, *Donna McGuire*
- International solidarity in the auto industry: possibilities and limits, *Ian Greer & Marco Hauptmeier*
- Global trade union responses in global companies, *Torsten Müller, Hans-Wolfgang Platzer & Stefan Rüb*
- Dynamics of Restructuring in the Automotive Industry, *Ron Blum*

B2. Enforcing Core Labour Rights II

Senatssaal

Chair: Bianca Kühl

- Transnational labour regulation – fiction or tendency?, *Ludger Pries*
- Enforcing core labour rights from below: International framework agreements and workers' self organization, *Euan Gibb*
- Securing labour rights in a globalising economy - the case of India, *Pravin Sinha*
- Emerging policy on international framework agreements in the ITGLWF – or: What does a global union do when faced with a sector full of codes of conduct and resistant companies?, *Doug Miller*

B3. Labour oriented Macroeconomic Policies

Room 614

Chair: Hansjörg Herr

- Relocation – challenges for European trade unions, *Bela Galgoczi*
- Strategies for labour in developing countries, *A.V. Jose*
- Economic Globalization and union wage bargaining in Germany and Brazil, *Damian Raess*
- Model Germany – limitations of an export-led strategy, *Stefan Beck*

13.00 Lunch

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14.00 Plenary Session

Gießhaus

Introduction to the macro-economic research agenda, *Hansjörg Herr*

Key note speaker: Mariano Laplane

Discussant: Neva Makgetla

15.30 Break

16.00-17.45 Workshops

C1. International Activities of Trade Unions II

Room 608

Chair: Wolfgang Schröder (tbc)

- Fighting for the flag: The response of the International Transport Workers Federation to the globalisation of the shipping industry, *Helen Sampson & Michael Bloor*
- Maritime labour: Far-reaching effects of deregulation and limited effects of global governance, *Heide Gerstenberger*

C2. Governing Labour Migration

Senatssaal

Chair: Marion Hellman

- Sectoral deregulation, workplace authoritarianism and worker mobility in construction, *Nathan Lillie & Ian Greer*
- Governing the ungovernable: Undocumented migration and the challenge for trade unions, *Helen Schwenken & Verena Schmidt*
- Liberalization of work in services within the EU: Increasing migration and deregulation of national systems of labour, *Manfred Wannöffel*

C3. Macroeconomic Policies and Development

Room 614

Chair: Frank Hoffer

- Globalisation and the instability of economic development, *Hansjörg Herr*
Discussant: Neva Makgetla
- The Political Economy of Development in South Africa, *Neva Makgetla*
Discussant: Martina Metzger
- The Political Economy of Development in Brazil, *Mariano Laplane*
Discussant: N.N.

17.45 Closing Session

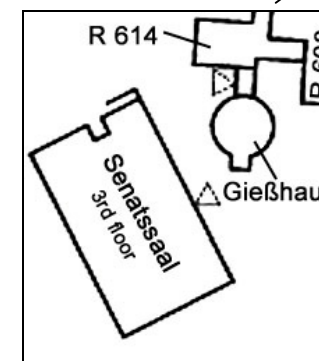
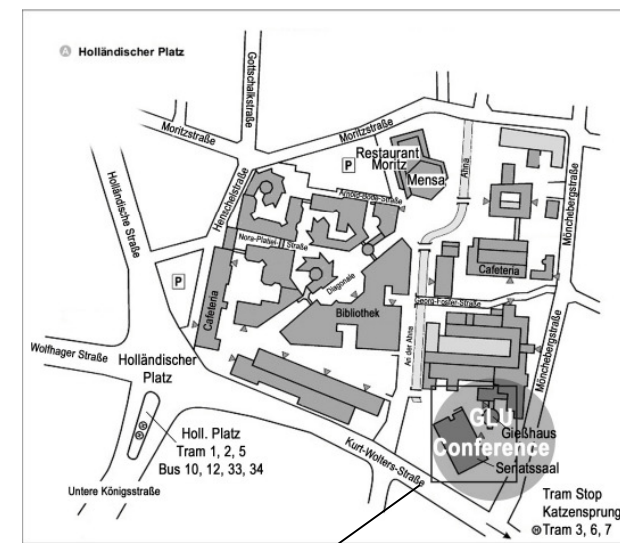
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18.30 Finish

19.30 Dinner

Restaurant Orangerie

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