

**Confronting Global Capital: Strengthening Labour Internationalism and Transnationalism in Canada Today**  
 McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario – October 12-14, 2017

**Prospective Programme**

**THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER**

Opening Event

**Transnationalism at Work: Hamilton, Steel, and Globalization**

**FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER**

<p><b>9:00-10:30</b></p> <p>Plenary</p>	<p align="center"><b>Framing Labour Internationalism</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Kim Scipes (Purdue), Nathalie Guay (CSN), Mike Palacek (CUPW), Katherine Nastovski (McMaster)</b></p>		
<p><b>10:45-12:15</b></p> <p>Panels</p>	<p><b>1A   Institutional Labour Internationalism</b></p> <p><b>Nathalie Guay</b> “The ITUC at Ten: Making Another Internationalism Possible?”</p> <p><b>Thomas Collombat</b> “Reviewing the First Decade of the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas”</p> <p><b>Victor Silverman</b> “Does Labour Internationalism Work?”</p> <p><b>Robert O’Brien</b> “Bridging the Local: SIGTUR and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Labour Internationalism”</p>	<p><b>1B   North America as a Space for Labour Solidarity</b></p> <p><b>Richard Roman and Edur Velasco Arregui</b> “Worker Competition and Solidarity in North America: Historical Experiences and Prospects in the Time of Trump”</p> <p><b>Cirila Quinter</b> “The Freedom of Association in Mexico and International Unions”</p> <p><b>Dan LaBotz</b> “The Election of Donald Trump and its Impact on Labour”</p>	<p><b>1C   Thinking Labour Internationalism Historically</b></p> <p><b>David Goutor</b> “Labour Internationalism in Historical Perspective: The Role of the Spanish Civil War.”</p> <p><b>Louise Casselman</b> “Latin America Solidarity Group 1965-1997: Relevant Lessons for Today.”</p> <p><b>Thierry Drapeau</b> “An Unknown Shiver Agitates the Two Worlds’: The First International in Global Context”</p> <p><b>Rebeka Tabobondung</b> “Towards an Indigenous Internationalism across the Americas: Reflecting on the Third Encounter.”</p>
<p><b>14:00-15:30</b></p> <p>Panels</p>	<p><b>2A   Building North-South Political Solidarities</b></p> <p><b>Chris Chanco and Mostafa Henaway</b> “Labour Solidarity with Palestine: Comparing English Canada and Québec”</p> <p><b>Farid C. Partovi</b> “Building International Solidarity: Iran’s Experience”</p> <p><b>Adou Appiah</b> “North-South Relations: The Case of Canadian and Ivorian Unions.”</p> <p><b>Reynaldo Velazquez and Heide Trampus</b> “Solidarity with Cuban Workers in the New Economy.”</p>	<p><b>2B   Organizing Transnationally</b></p> <p><b>Nathalie Guay</b> “International Trade Union Alliances to Challenge Multinationals”</p> <p><b>Luis L. M. Aguiar</b> “The Justice for Janitors Model, Transnational Union Partnerships, and Organizing Service Workers</p> <p><b>Amélie Nguyen</b> “Inter-Union Solidarity: The Challenges and Opportunities of Alliances with Peasants, Environmentalists, Indigenous and Feminist Movements.”</p> <p><b>Vanisha Sukdeo</b> “Regulating Labour and Capital: Corporations in a Transnational Context.”</p>	<p><b>2C   Opportunities and Limitations of International Company Networks: The Tenaris-Ternium Case</b></p> <p><b>Jorge Garcia-Orgales</b> (USW)</p> <p><b>Julia Soul</b> (Labour Centre CONICET Argentina)</p> <p><b>Robert Goose</b> (USW 7226 Calgary)</p> <p><b>Carlos de Sanctis</b>                  (Assistant General Secretary - UOM Seccional Campana Campana, Buenos Aires)</p>

<p><b>15:45-17:15</b></p> <p>Panels</p>	<p><b>3A   Race, Gender and Labour Internationalism</b></p> <p><b>Katherine Nastovski</b> “Race and Class in the Making of Canadian Labour Development Aid”  <b>Chris Ramsaroop and Adrian Smith</b> “Farm Workers and Labour Solidarity: Reflections on the SAWP Programme”  <b>Lygia Sabbag Fares Gibb and Ana Luiza Matos de Oliveira</b> “Inequality in working time: An International Trend”  <b>Dave Bleakney and Aziz Choudry</b> “International solidarity / Migrant worker organizing: Building connections, pollinating struggles”</p>	<p><b>3B   Building Solidarity: Sectoral Cases</b></p> <p><b>Andrew Gibson</b> “Labour Internationalism and Global Garment Supply Chains: Evaluating Best Practices in Latin America”  <b>Alia Karim and Kevin Brice-Lall</b> “Solidarity is Sweet”: Building Labour Internationalism Between Guyana’s Sugar Workers and the Canadian Labour Movement”  <b>José Antonio Vital Galicia</b> “International Campaign Against Health Privatization”  <b>Euan Gibb</b> “Global Framework Agreements”</p>	<p><b>3C   Defending Public Services: Canadian and Colombian Workers on the Frontlines</b></p> <p><b>Louise Casselman</b> (PSAC)  <b>Evert Hoogers</b> (CUPW)  <b>Kelti Cameron</b> (CUPE)</p>
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**SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER**

<p><b>9:00-10:30</b></p> <p>Panels</p>	<p><b>4A   The Trinational Coalition of Education Workers</b></p> <p><b>Mariluz Arriaga</b> (UNAM)  <b>Larry Kuehn</b> (BCTF)  <b>Jackson Potter</b> (Chicago Teachers' Union)  <b>Paul Bocking</b> (York) and <b>Domenic Bellissimo</b> (OSSTF) “The OSSTF and International Solidarity in Latin America”</p>	<p><b>4B   International Solidarity between Airport Workers</b></p> <p><b>Dan Janssen</b>, IAM Local 2323  <b>Aminah Sheikh</b>, COPE  <b>Sean Smith</b>, UNIFOR Local 2002</p>	<p><b>4C   Mining in the Vale: International Solidarity’s Prospects and Challenges</b></p> <p><b>Shelley Condratto</b> “Contracting-Out of Union Control: The Case of USW Local 6500”  <b>Matt Corbeil</b> “Unions and The Mining Justice Movement in Ontario: Possibilities and Prospects”  <b>Adam King</b> “The reconstitution of working class identity: some insights from oral histories with Sudbury nickel miners”  <b>Judith Marshall</b> “Global Networks Challenging the Power of Big Mining Companies”</p>
<p><b>10:45-12:15</b></p> <p>Plenary</p>	<p><b>Mobilizing Rank and File for Labour Internationalism: Challenges and Opportunities</b></p> <p><b>Kelti Cameron</b>, Facilitator  <b>Marion Pollack</b> (CUPW retiree) “Looking at the Tensions and Opportunities for International Solidarity for Unions in English Canada”  <b>Alex Hanson and Troy Cook</b> (USW Local 9346) “Using Social Media to Build Solidarity”</p>		
<p><b>14:00-15:30</b></p> <p>Workshops</p>	<p><b>5A   Labour Internationalism and Environmental Issues</b></p> <p>Facilitators: <b>Dave Bleakney, Carolyn Egan and Kim Scipes</b></p>	<p><b>5B   Labour Internationalism in a Changing Political Context</b></p> <p>Facilitators: <b>Katherine Sciacchitano and Bruno Dobrusin</b></p>	<p><b>5C   Bringing Unionized and Non-Unionized Workers Together in Labour Internationalism</b></p> <p>Facilitators: <b>Evelyn Encalada Grez and Mostafa Henaway</b></p>

15:45-17:00

**Final wrap up**

