

RDW Newsletter No. 1

Dear RDW participant,

The 3rd RDW conference (3-5 July 2013) has received great interest from all around the world. The RDW Organizing Committee looks forward to welcoming you all in Geneva. Below are the latest developments and some practical information for you.

Confirmed plenary speakers*

- Dr. Ha-Joon Chang (Cambridge University, UK)
- Dr. David Kucera (ILO, Geneva, Switzerland)
- Prof. Zhiyuan Cui (Tsinghua University, Beijing, China)
- Prof. Kamala Sankaran (Delhi University, New Delhi, India)
- Prof. Ingrid Woolard (University of Cape Town & Employment Conditions Committee, South Africa)
- Prof. Jill Rubery (University of Manchester, UK)

Panel debate: "What future for labour relations?" (5 July)

- Prof. Richard Hyman (LSE)
- Prof. Edward Webster (SWOP, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg)
- Two more panellists (TBA)

Special session (5 July)

- Dr. Nelson Barbosa (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; former deputy minister, Ministry of Finance)

Conference programme

The draft conference programme is available on the conference website for your review:

<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/rdw/conferences/2013/2013/flushcache/1/showdraft/1>

Your comments and suggestions can be communicated to rdw@ilo.org by the end of May 2013.

The final version of the programme will be available at the conference website from mid-June 2013.

Registration

Conference registrations is now open. The registration form is available from the RDW website: <http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/rdw/conferences/2013/2013/flushcache/1/showdraft/1>

All prospective participants are expected to register by the end of May 2013.

Accommodation

The list of hotels with rooms at UN rates will be made available soon from the conference website: <http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/files/dmfile/Hotelrates2012-132.pdf>

We strongly encourage the participants to book their rooms as soon as possible.

Paper submission

You are invited to submit your full paper(s) by the end of May 2013 at the conference website (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/rdw/conferences/2013/2013/flushcache/1/showdraft/1>). Please click on "Upload your paper", and then you will see your abstracts. You can upload your paper by using the function "Edit" which is located next to your abstract.

Please note that RDW fellowship winners should submit their papers by the end of May in order to confirm their fellowship status.

Presentation

The standard length of presentation time will be between 15 and 20 minutes, depending on the number of papers in your session. Further guidance will be provided in the next Newsletter (mid-June 2013).

Invitation letters

In case you need an official invitation letter from ILO (e.g. for visa application), please contact Ms. Claire Piper at piper@ilo.org.

Conference receptions

There will be two conference receptions: 3 July (hosted by ILO) and 4 July (hosted by the University of Manchester's Fairness at Work Research Centre (FaWRC) and the University of Duisburg-Essen Institut Arbeit und Qualifikation (IAQ))

RDW fellowship winners

The RDW Committee is pleased to announce that RDW fellowships are granted to the following researchers (alphabetical order):

- Bensusan, G.B.A. (Mexico), [Withdrawn for personal reasons]
- du Toit, D. (South Africa), "Regulating the informal economy: Unpacking the oxymoron"
- Francisco Ostau De Lafont De León (Colombia), "Collective bargaining in Colombia and its effects on the vulnerability of human labor and deregulation"
- Graña, J.M.G. (Argentina), "Segmentation and poverty in a heterogeneous and low productivity country: The case of Argentina's manufacturing"
- Groisman, F.G. (Argentina), "Labour informality and segmentation in Argentina: The role of new social protection initiatives"
- Hu, Y. (China), "Can minimum wage regulation reduce wage inequality and working poor in China?"
- Jafar, A. (India), "Labour law compliance vis-à-vis firm performance: A study on selected Indian companies"
- Jowitt, A.L. (Vanuatu), "Improving work conditions?: The impact of Vanuatu's 2008 employment law reforms"
- Marshall, A.M. (Argentina), "Wage setting regimes and inequality: Evidence from Argentina"
- Nathan, D. (India), "Corporate governance and child labour: Role and limits"

- Poblete, L.P. (Argentina), "Formalizing independent work: Changing labour regulation in Argentina, 1998-2012"
- Sarabia, M.S. (Argentina), "Does industrial development really matter for job-rich growth? Impacts on employment and income distribution in Argentina from a structural analysis"
- Sarkar, P. (India), "Labour regulation systems vis-à-vis facets of development: A cross-country study"
- Varkkey, K. (India), "Minimum wage setting and its impact on industrial relations in Asian countries: A cross-country comparison"
- Yi, D.Y. (China), "The impact of globalization on the gender wage gap in China—Based on the analysis in the wage distribution level"
- Zohurul, Z. (Bangladesh), "Worker compliance: Evidence from selected enterprises, DEPZ, Bangladesh"

RDW prize (The Centre for Employment & Labour Relations Law Prize)

This Prize is sponsored by the Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law at the University of Melbourne and will be awarded to the author(s) of the best conference paper by a delegate from a developing country. The Prize will be awarded at the conclusion of the RDW conference.

Eligibility

All fully written Conference papers from eligible persons submitted to the Conference Organisers before the commencement of the Conference will be eligible for the prize.

Judging

The prize will be judged by a three person sub-committee chaired by a representative of the Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law. Members of the sub-committee will not be eligible to win the Prize.

Contacts

If you have questions or need information, please write to the conference mail address: rdw@ilo.org