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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Thursday, September 15, 2005

8-9 a.m.  CONFERENCE REGISTRATION – Axinn Library, 10th floor

9-10:15 a.m. OPENING SESSION & KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Greetings

Stuart Rabinowitz
President, Hofstra University

Gregory DeFreitas
Conference Director
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Keynote Address:  Paul Ryan
Kings College, University of London, United Kingdom
“School-to-work institutions in comparative perspective”

10:15-10:30  COFFEE BREAK

10:30-12 p.m. PANEL I: YOUTH JOB TRENDS IN ADVANCED ECONOMIES

Chair: Gregory DeFreitas, Hofstra University

David Blanchflower
Dartmouth College, New Hampshire
“The economic status of young workers in OECD countries”

Rebekka Christopoulou
Darwin College, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
“Youth relative labor trends in advanced countries: Economic shocks, labor market institutions and educational participation”

Trine Filges
Danish National Institute of Social Research, Denmark
“Youth unemployment and government policy in Denmark”

Niall O’Higgins
Universita di Salerno, Italy
“Still with us after all of these years: Trends in youth labour market entry, home-leaving and human capital accumulation in Italy 1992-2003”

12-12:45  LUNCH (on your own)

12:45-2:15 p.m. PANEL II: DYING FOR A JOB: HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK

Chair: Rachel Kreier, Hofstra University

Niev Duffy
Eastern Economic Research, New York City
“Health insurance and youth employment in the U.S.”

Susan McQuade
New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health, New York City
“YouthSAFE: Labor activism and workplace safety”
2:15-3:45 p.m.  

**PANEL III: JAPANESE AND KOREAN YOUTH EMPLOYMENT**

**Chair:** Takashi Kanatsu, Hofstra University

**Sang Hoon Bae and Ji Hoon Song**  
Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA  
“Workforce supply dynamics and youth unemployment in Korea’s labor market”

**Naoki Mitani**  
Kobe University, Japan  
“Youth employment in Japan after the bubble burst in the early 1990’s”

**Dai Miyamoto**  
Doshisha University, Japan  
*and*  
**Paul Ryan**  
Kings College, University of London, United Kingdom  
“How different is the Japanese school-to-work system? The pay and employment of young workers in Japan, 1986-2002”

**Hiroatsu Nohara**  
University of Provence – Aix en Provence, France  
*and*  
**Paul Ryan**  
Kings College, University of London, United Kingdom  
“Youth employment patterns in postwar Japanese industry”

3:45-4 p.m.  

**COFFEE BREAK**

4–5:30 p.m.  

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**PANEL IV-A: SCHOOL-TO-WORK TRANSITIONS IN NORTH AMERICA and EUROPE**

**Chair:** David Blanchflower, Dartmouth College

**Yasemin Besen**  
Stony Brook University, New York  
“Pay or play? Why youth work in the United States and other industrialized countries”

**Harriet Bradley**  
University of Bristol, United Kingdom  
“Fractured transitions: Young adults’ employment trajectories in a post-industrial British city”

**Guy Tchibozo**  
Louis Pasteur University, Strasbourg, France  
“Extracurricular activity and school-to-work transition in France, the UK, Canada and Belgium”

**Cheryl Davidson,** Executive Director, Long Island Works  
“Business-School Coalitions for Training New York’s Future Workforce”
4-5:30 p.m.  PANEL IV-B: YOUTH JOB TRENDS IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES

Chair: Bonu Sengupta, Hofstra University

Margaret Abraham
Hofstra University, New York
“Service on the Line: Youth Jobs and Indian Call Centers.”

Enrico Marcelli
University of Massachusetts and Harvard University, Boston
“Unauthorized Mexican immigration and youth labor market outcomes in California during the 1990’s”

Ianina Tunon and Augustín Salvia
School of Social Sciences, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina
“Policies for youth employment applied during the decade in Argentina: analysis and assessment”

5:30-6:15 p.m.  RECEPTION

6:15-8:30 p.m.  BANQUET

Stuart Tannock -- Introduction
University of California, Berkeley, California
FILM: “Eyes on the Fries: Young Workers in the Service Economy” (21 minutes)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2005

8-8:30 a.m.  CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30-9:45 a.m.  PANEL V: NEW YORK’S JOB PROBLEMS AND POLICIES

Chair: Gregory DeFreitas, Hofstra University

Miguel Almodovar
Assistant Commissioner of Youth and Community Development, City of New York
“New York City’s youth training and jobs policies”

David Fischer
Center for an Urban Future, New York City
“Crisis or Opportunity? Demographic Change, Dislocated Youth, and New York City's Future Workforce”

Oren Levin-Waldman
Graduate School for Public Affairs
Metropolitan College, New York City
“Minimum wages, living wages, and wage contours”

Mark Levitan
Community Services Society of New York, New York City
“Out of school, out of work, out of luck?”

9:45-11 a.m.  PANEL VI: IMMIGRATION AND THE YOUTH JOB MARKET

Chair: Gregory Maney, Hofstra University

Shirley Aldebol
Service Employees International Union, Local 32BJ, New York City and Long Island
“Union organizing among young immigrant workers”

Gregory DeFreitas
Hofstra University, New York
“Immigration and youth employment in New York”

Nadia Marin Mollina and Irma Solis
The Workplace Project, Long Island
“Suburban sweatshops, immigrant rights and the Workplace Project”

11:00-11:15 a.m. COFFEE BREAK

11:15-12:30 p.m PANEL VII: DO LABOR UNIONS MATTER FOR YOUNG WORKERS?

Chair: Gregory DeFreitas, Hofstra University

Liza Featherstone
The Nation, New York City
“Selling women short: Wal-Mart and low-wage youth”

Rafael Gomez
London School of Economics, U.K.
and
Morley Gunderson
Centre for Industrial Relations, University of Toronto, Canada
“Youth and adult unionization differences in Canada”

Joe Hansen
President, United Food & Commercial Workers
“The national labor movement to organize Wal-Mart workers”

12:30-1:15 p.m LUNCH (on your own)

1:15-2:30 p.m PANEL VIII: YOUNG PEOPLES’ STAKE IN NEW ECONOMIC POLICIES

Chair: Michael Zweig, Director, Center for Study of Working Class Life, SUNY Stony Brook

Andrea Batista-Schlesinger
Drum Major Institute for Public Policy, New York
“Missed opportunities: Young people and the social security debate”

Carl Lipscombe
Student-Labor Action Project, Washington D.C.
“The new student activism over workplace issues”

Stuart Tannock
Graduate School of Education
University of California, Berkeley, California
“Where is it written that going to college has to be about getting ahead of everyone else? Making the connection between low-wage youth employment, labor organizing and the troublesome question of higher education”

2:30-2:45 p.m. COFFEE BREAK

2:45-4:15 p.m PANEL IX: STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS

Chair: Paul Ryan, Kings College, London
Lonnie Golden
Penn State University, Abington College, Pennsylvania
“Work and non-work time use of the enrolled college student: Evidence from the American Time Use Survey”

Arturo Gonzalez
Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco
“Does job corps training boost the labor market outcomes of young Hispanic men and women?”

Harry Holzer
Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
“How can we raise employment among young black men?”

Eunjong Shin
College of Business and Administration and Economics, Dankook University, Seoul, South Korea
“Youth unemployment and an alternative solution in Korea: business education for the unemployed youth”

4:15-4:30 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS

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