

Chinese Labour in the Global Economy

(CSSGJ and CCCP, Nottingham; 11 and 12 September, 2014)
University of Nottingham, main campus, the Hemsley (Staff Club) Lounge B2

Thursday, 11 September 2014

9.00 a.m. **Welcome** to workshop by Andreas Bieler.

9.15 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. **Panel 1 – Chinese production in the global economy**

Jane Hardy - China's Place in Global Divisions of Labour: A Combined and Uneven Development Perspective. (j.a.hardy@herts.ac.uk)

Andreas Bieler and Chun-Yi Lee – Exploitation and resistance: a comparative analysis of the Chinese cheap labour electronics and high-value added IT sectors. (Andreas.Bieler@nottingham.ac.uk; Chun-Yi.Lee@nottingham.ac.uk)

Boy Luthje and Florian Butollo – Rebalancing China's Emergent Capitalism: Production Networks and Changing Production Regimes in the Textile and Garment Industry (presented by Florian B., flobut@yahoo.de)

11.00 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. **Coffee Break**

11.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. **Panel 2 – Class Consciousness vis-à-vis Reality at Shop Floor**

Tim Pringle – Harmony on whose terms? The dangers of class compromise without class consciousness. (tp21@soas.ac.uk)

Jianmin Li – Guanxi versus Capital: Struggle facilitated through the guanxi among the workers in China. (j.li15@lancaster.ac.uk)

12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. **Lunch**

1.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. **Panel 3 – NGO/Activist session with War on Want (Martin Gemzell, mgemzell@waronwant.org), International Transport Workers' Federation ITF (Jeremy Anderson Anderson_Jeremy@itf.org.uk) Laowei, Labour law firm in Shenzhen(Duan**

Yi), Ming-de labour studies institute in Beijing (Yuan-cheng He, ychhe@hotmail.com), Chinese labour NGO In Action (Ma Yang, cnmayang@gmail.com) and Hong Kong Worker Empowerment (Fuk Ying Tse, tse.aubergine@gmail.com).

4.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Coffee break

4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Panel 4 – State and Society/local governance and workers' strikes

Yu-Juan Zhai – China's economy developed areas industrial relations situation and legislation of the strike right. (yujuanzhai@gmail.com)

Chris Chan – The Chinese developmental models, local governance and its impact on workers: a comparative study of state and labour relations in the cities of Suzhou and Shenzhen. (sskcchan@gmail.com)

Stefan Schmalz, Brandon Sommer and Hui Xu – From Honda Nanhai to Yu Yuen: The Changing Nature of Labor Relations and Industrial Conflict in Guangdong". (presented by Stefan schmaltz, s.schmalz@uni-jena.de)

7 p.m.

Workshop dinner in the Orchard Hotel

Friday, 12 September 2014

9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Panel 5 – Chinese production in global supply chains

Ngai-Ling Sum – A Cultural Political Economy of China as a "Hope" Object: Financial Inflows, Land-Based Accumulation and "Dwelling Narrowness". (n.sum@lancaster.ac.uk)

Xuebing Cao and Quan Meng – Chinese dock yard in the global supply chain: the case of 2013 Shenzhen Yantian strike. (x.cao@keele.ac.uk)

Chris Smith and Yu Zheng – Management Control and Expatriation – the Case of Chinese MNCs Abroad. (Chris.Smith@rhul.ac.uk; Yu.Zheng@rhul.ac.uk)

10.30 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.

Coffee break

- 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.** **Keynote lecture Paul Mason**
- 12.30 a.m. to 13.30 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 13.30 p.m. to 14.45 p.m.** **Panel 6 – Foxconn and Chinese workers**
- Gijsbert van Liemt – HonHai/Foxconn and the World Consumer Electronics Industry. (gbvanliemt@gmail.com)
- Jenny Chan, Ngai Pun and Mark Selden - Labour struggles in global production: Foxconn, Apple, and the Chinese Workers (presented by Jenny Chan wchan_cuhk@yahoo.com)
- 14.45 p.m. to 15.00 p.m.** **Coffee break**
- 15.00 p.m. to 16.30 p.m.** **Panel 7 – International Labour NGOs/
regional labour solidarity.**
- Rob Lambert – Neoliberal Globalization & the Role of the All-China Federation of Trade Unions (ACFTU): Strategic Assessments of Democratic Unions in the Global South. (rob.lambert@uwa.edu.au)
- Huang Yan – Private Supervision, Social Certification and Anti-Sweatshop Movement: Taking FLA and SACOM as Examples. (huangyanchu@163.com)
- David Layfield – (Neo)Liberalised Labour Markets in China and East Asia: An Opportunity for Regional Labour Solidarity? (ds.layfield@gmail.com)
- 16.30 p.m.** **Concluding remarks** and short outline of publication strategy by Andreas Bieler

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