

# Global Labour Research Centre | GLRC

Newsletter. November 2024.

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear GLRC Community,

In October, the GLRC was thrilled to host the panel, *Building Worker Power in Latin America: Possibilities and Challenges*. For those who were unable to attend, the [audio and video](#) recordings are now available on the GLRC website. The GLRC also co-sponsored two other events this past month: 1) People, Power, Change: An Engaging Conversation with Marshall Ganz; and 2) Beyond the Interface: Critical Perspectives of Sex Work and Sextech.

On **November 21<sup>st</sup>** from 2:30-4:30 (EST) the GLRC will host the online panel, **Labour Unions, Climate Action and Just Transition**. Author Seth Klein will join us to discuss his book, *A Good War: Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency*. He will be joined by autoworker and activist, Rebecca Keetch, from Green Jobs Oshawa, and John Clarke, former Ontario Coalition Against Poverty organizer and author (with Sarah Glynn) of *Climate Change is a Class Issue*.

And on **November 28<sup>th</sup>** we will be hosting a remote symposium to celebrate the GLRC supported project, **Creating Space: Precarious Status Women Leading Local Pandemic Responses**. We are still finalizing the time but will update the event page soon [HERE](#) soon.

### Spotlight

The GLRC is pleased to invite labour, academic and community researchers to our **Meet & Greet Luncheon on Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> from 12-1:30pm**. We will be joined remotely by economist Lars Osberg who will discuss his new book, [The Scandalous Rise of Inequality in Canada](#). Please join us for a light lunch and refreshments, and to hear about the work of the Centre and how you can get

involved. Please, [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this event as this will help us plan for food and refreshments.

### **Associate Research and Publications**

If you have recently published work and labour studies related research that you think may be of interest to the wider GLRC community, we want to hear from you. The GLRC is pleased to share the latest [books and articles](#) from our Associates on our webpage. As well, if you or your work has been featured in the news lately, please share a link with us and we would be happy to help spread the word. Information about publications and/or media interviews can be sent directly to [GLRC@yorku.ca](mailto:GLRC@yorku.ca).

The [Graduate Student Symposium](#) deadline has also been extended to December 8th 2024. With options for in-person and online participation, we hope that you will take a moment to share with students that might be interested. Finally, the GLRC continues to encourage Associates to consider submitting a [Perspectives](#), or [Research Snapshot](#) for consideration.

In solidarity,

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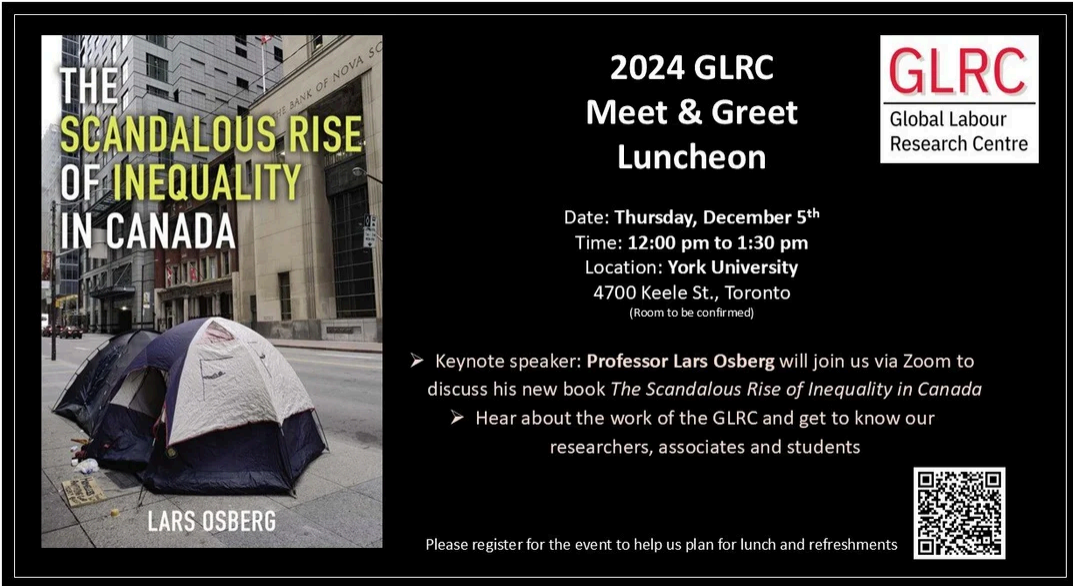
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**GLRC SPOTLIGHT**

**1. SAVE THE DATE! On December 5th, please join us at York University for our annual Meet & Greet Luncheon.**

**Professor Lars Osberg** will kick off the event discussing his new book *The Scandalous Rise of Inequality in Canada*, and we will continue the conversation over lunch talking about the work of the GLRC and the different ways in which you can get involved.

Please, [click here](#) to register for this event and help us plan for lunch and refreshments.



**2024 GLRC  
Meet & Greet  
Luncheon**

**GLRC**  
Global Labour  
Research Centre

Date: **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Time: **12:00 pm to 1:30 pm**  
Location: **York University**  
4700 Keele St., Toronto  
(Room to be confirmed)

- Keynote speaker: **Professor Lars Osberg** will join us via Zoom to discuss his new book *The Scandalous Rise of Inequality in Canada*
- Hear about the work of the GLRC and get to know our researchers, associates and students

Please register for the event to help us plan for lunch and refreshments

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**2. October Speaker Series event: Building Worker Power in Latin America: Possibilities and Challenges**

On October 24, we had an excellent panel discussion with Professor Jeffery R. Webber, (Politics, York University), PhD candidate Chris Little (Politics, York University), Professor Cirila Quintero, (El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Mexico), and Professor Emerita Viviana Patroni (Social Science, York University). Find the audio recordings of their presentations [here](#).



## GLRC RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

### 2025 GLRC's Graduate Student Symposium

*Symposium dates: February 20 and 21, 2025*

***Application deadline (new): December 8, 2024***

We are pleased to announce our [9th annual Graduate Student Symposium](#) (GSS) **CALL FOR PAPERS**. This conference is designed to showcase the scholarship of new voices in labour studies across a diverse range of disciplines. It is our hope that the workshop will provide an interdisciplinary venue for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to share their research in a collaborative and supportive environment.

#### Highlights:

- John Eleen Lecture: *What is Antiracism? And Why it means Anticapitalism*, by Arun Kundhani.
- Students' oral presentations (in-person sessions on February 20 and online sessions on February 21). See Call for Papers in the last section of this newsletter.
- Professional development workshops where invited panelists will talk about (i) key aspects of academic life and (ii) career paths beyond academia.
- Social/networking opportunities for students and early career scholars.
- After the conference, presenters will be invited to submit their papers to *Workplace: a Journal for Academic Labor*.

Organizing Committee: Alaa Abdelhamid, Nicole Jokinen-Hurl, Tinu Koithara Mathew, and Julie Wilson.

## GLRC UPCOMING EVENTS

Check our [website](#) for updates on registration and further details

### Nov 21, 2:30 – 4:30pm | Labour Unions, Climate Action, and Just Transition

#### Panelists

- Seth Klein - Director of Climate Emergency Strategy, Climate Emergency Unit. He will talk about his book *A Good War: Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency*.
- Rebecca Keetch - Autoworker and activist with Green Jobs Oshawa.
- John Clarke - Former Ontario Coalition Against Poverty organizer and Packer Visitor in Social Justice at York University. Author (with Sarah Glynn) of *Climate Change is a Class Issue*.

#### Location

Virtual, via Zoom

Please, [click here](#) to register for this event and receive the Zoom link.

Global Labour Research Centre  
Speaker Series

**Labour Unions,  
Climate Action,  
and Just Transition**

Panelists:  
- **Seth Klein** - Director of Climate Emergency Strategy.  
Author of *A Good War: Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency*  
- **Rebecca Keetch** - Autoworker and Activist with Green Jobs Oshawa.  
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2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

📶 **Virtual –**  
Please, register to receive the Zoom link.

### Nov 28 (time to be confirmed) | Remote Symposium to celebrate the project

***Creating Space: Precarious Status Women Leading Local Pandemic***

#### ***Responses***

More details will be provided soon ([here](#)).

## EXTERNAL EVENTS

### 1. Canadian Labour International Film Festival (CLIFF)



November is *Labour Film* month! CLIFF will be screening in workplaces, union halls, local theatres, and living rooms in nearly 70 locations across Canada this year. Join in:

- attending a Film screening. Click [here](#) to find out locations and dates, and
- viewing 2024 Canadian Films and voting for the winner of the Best Canadian Film Award (screening will take place on November 9th).

**2. *Global Inequality, Divided Labor and the Politics of Racial Capitalism***, with Professor Pushkala Prasad, Skidmore College.

Location: OISE Room 8-200, 252 Bloor Street West. Toronto

Date, time: November 26, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Prof. Prasad's research interests center around workplace diversity tensions and global capitalism. She is the author of *Crafting Qualitative Research: Beyond Positivist Traditions* (Routledge, 2018) and the co-editor of the Routledge Companion to Critical Management Studies.

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

### 1. ***Call for Nominations - 2025 Society for Socialist Studies Errol Sharpe Book Prize***

Deadline for submission: December 6, 2024 ([click here](#))

Prize: An invitation to present a keynote address at the next Society meeting and an award of \$500.

The Society of Socialist Studies solicits nominations of books that facilitate and encourage research and analysis with an emphasis on socialist, feminist, anti-racist, anti-colonial/decolonial, and ecological points of view. The prize is for single or jointly authored original books—excluding edited collections, textbooks, and



translations—published in the previous two years and that have not been previously nominated for this award.

## **2. Starting Over: Mass Politics and the Future of the Left**

Deadlines for submissions:

- (i) Conference paper submissions: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 ([click here](#))
- (ii) *Alternate Routes: A Journal of Critical Social Research* (Special Issue) paper submissions: September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 ([click here](#)).

Conference's date and location: May 27-30, 2025, at the University of Naples Federico II, Italy.

and the University of Naples Federico II invite individual paper and panel submissions for the conference and special issue to be held at the University of Naples. Topics may include but are not limited to: Inequality and (De)Democratization; Left Economic Policy and Labour Market Restructuring; War, Imperialism and Colonialism; Race, Gender and Other Disparities; Austerity and the State; Climate Change; Digital Labour and Platforms; Unions and Social Movements; Populism and Political Realignment; Global Governance.

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If you would like to submit any announcement items (events, research or job opportunities), contact us at [glrc@yorku.ca](mailto:glrc@yorku.ca).



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