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Newsletter. January 2025.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear GLRC Community,

Though 2024 is now behind us, you can find the [AUDIO](#) and [VIDEO](#) recordings from our end of year keynote by Lars Osberg where he joined us to speak about his new book, *The Scandalous Rise of Inequality in Canada*. If you have recently published work and labour studies related [research](#) or been featured in [podcasts](#), [videos](#) or [in the news](#) that you think may be of interest to the wider GLRC community, please send your links to GLRC@yorku.ca and we would be pleased to add this to our website. As well, the GLRC continues to encourage readers to consider submitting a labour related [Opinion](#) or [Research Summary](#) for consideration.

Spotlight

On **January 21st at 10am**, the Centre is pleased to remotely host the panel: **Work, Platforms and Industrial Change in Italy**. Panel presentations will include:

- ***Ecological Transition and Industrial Change: Preliminary Evidence from Italy***, by Lidia Greco, Professor of Economics and Labour Sociology at the University of Bari Aldo Moro.
- ***Industrial Structure, Productivity and Wages in Italy***, by Claudio Cozza, Associate Professor in Economic Policy at the University of Naples 'Parthenope', and Paolo Angelone, PhD student in Economics at the University of Naples 'Parthenope'.
- ***Platform Capitalism, Digital Labour and the Struggle of Food Delivery Workers in Italy***, by Marco Marrone, Assistant Professor at the University of Salento.
- ***The Labour Impact of Digital Platforms***, by Valeria Cirillo, Associate Professor in Economics at the University of Bari Aldo Moro.

Please, [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the event and receive the Zoom link.

Associate Research and Publications

There is plenty happening in the months ahead at the GLRC, including: our 9th Annual Graduate Student Symposium and [John Eleen](#) keynote presentation by author Arun Kundnani titled, [What is Antiracism? And Why it Means Anticapitalism](#), as well as the launch of the [Employment Standards Database](#). We hope you will join us!

In solidarity,

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GLRC SPOTLIGHT

SAVE THE DATE: On January 21, join us for the online Panel Discussion

Work, Platforms and Industrial Change in Italy

Time : 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (EST)

Panel presentations:

- *The labour impact of digital platforms*, by Valeria Cirillo, Associate Professor in Economics at the University of Bari Aldo Moro.
- *Ecological transition and industrial change: some preliminary evidence from Italy*, by Lidia Greco, Professor of Economics and Labour Sociology at the University of Bari Aldo Moro.
- *Industrial structure, productivity and wages in Italy over the last decades*, by Claudio Cozza, Associate Professor in Economic Policy at the University of Naples 'Parthenope', and Paolo Angelone, PhD student in Economics at the University of Naples 'Parthenope'.
- *Rights against the Machines! Platform capitalism, digital labor and the struggle of food delivery workers in Italy*, by Marco Marrone, Assistant Professor at the University of Salento.

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



Tuesday January 21st , 2025
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Remote (Zoom)

Work, Platforms and Industrial Change in Italy

Lidia Greco (Univ. of Bari) - Ecological Transition and Industrial Change: Preliminary Evidence from Italy

Claudio Cozza & Paolo Angelone (Univ. of Naples Parthenope) - Industrial Structure, Productivity and Wages

Marco Marrone (Univ. of Salento) - Platform Capitalism, Digital Labour and the Struggle of Food Delivery Workers in Italy

Valeria Cirillo (Univ. of Bari) - The Labour Impact of Digital Platforms

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Associate Research and Publications

1. Recent event: 2024 GLRC Meet & Greet Luncheon and Keynote Lecture by Prof. Lars Osberg.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us on December 5th for the GLRC Meet & Greet Luncheon. **Professor Lars Osberg** kicked off the event discussing his new book *The Scandalous Rise of Inequality in Canada* (you can find the video [here](#)). After an engaging conversation with Prof. Osberg, we had a chance to talk over lunch about the work of the GLRC and potential future collaborations with the participants.



2. Video recordings of the conference *Beyond the Interface: Critical Perspectives of Sex Work and Sextech* held in October 2024 is now available.

In honour of the International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers on December 17, organizers have made recordings of the Beyond the Interface conference public. The conference featured 40 presentations and 11 panels, covering urgent debates and topics in the field. Click [here](#) to view the conference recordings.

GLRC UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Feb 7, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST) | Hands-on demonstration of how to use the Employment Standards Database

The Employment Standards Database is a research database for comparing employment standards awareness and violations across national/regional contexts.

Presenters:

Leah F. Vosko | Andie Noack | Adam D. K. King | Rebecca Casey | Mark P. Thomas | Tim Gadanidis

Please follow the QR below (or [click here](#)) to register, so that your user account can be set up in advance!

Introducing the Employment Standards Database:

a research database for comparing employment standards awareness and violations across national/regional contexts



Date: February 7, 2025
Time: 12:00–1:00pm ET
Location: Online

Join us for a hands-on demonstration of how to use the ESD and what it can be used for.

Presenters:
Leah F. Vosko
Andie Noack
Adam D.K. King
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Feb 20 and 21 | GLRC's [9th Annual Graduate Student Symposium!](#)

(The registration link will be available by January 27th.)

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 Kundnani.
- 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, Carlo Fanelli, Nicole Jokinen-Hurl, Tinu Koithara Mathew, Carmen Ponce, and Julie Wilson.

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February 20 & 21, 2025
Critical Conversations in
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(EXTERNAL) CALL FOR PAPERS

1. 2025 Conference of the Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS): Boundaries and (dis)Junctures

Deadline for submissions (for individual papers, panels, roundtables, workshops,, and Book presentations): January 17 (extended deadline).

[Click here for more information.](#)

Conference's dates and location: May 15-17, 2025, at York University (Toronto, Canada).

2. 2025 Canadian Association for Work and Labour Studies Annual Conference - Beyond Boundaries: Workers' Struggles and Strategies Across Space and Time.

Deadlines for submissions:

- For individual papers: January 31, 2025 ([click here](#))

- For Panel, workshop or roundtable proposals: December 15, 2024 ([click here](#))

Conference's dates and location: May 28-30, 2025, at the School of Labour Studies, McMaster University (Hamilton - Ontario, Canada)

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



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