



False Promises: Precarious Work in the New Economy

CONFERENCE 2006

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Conference Theme

A conference of interest to academics and community members with an interest in examining the way in which work has been reorganized and become increasingly precarious in the new economy.

Although the rhetoric of work and learning promises more economic opportunities in a restructured economy, precarious work arrangements such as contingent, part-time, and contract labour, as well as the shift to service sector work have differential implications for various groups of workers.

The conference program will include papers, posters, and alternative presentation formats which will focus on precarious work arrangements.

Conference Program

Friday, October 20

6:30 p.m.

Conference opening sessions and registration

Opening Keynote speaker, Dr. Ron Saunders, followed by

Welcome Reception.

Saturday, October 21

8:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions with breaks and lunch

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Ron Saunders

Director of the Work Network at Canadian Policy Research Networks (CPRN)

Friday, October 20, 2006

Dr. Saunders has been Director of the Work Network at Canadian Policy Research Networks since January, 2003. Ron is formerly the Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy, Communications, and Labour Management Services Division at the Ontario Ministry of Labour, where he served in a number of policy positions since 1986. He has a Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University, specializing in industrial organization and international trade. Ron taught for some years at the University of Toronto before joining the Ontario Public Service and more recently taught at the Queen's University School of Policy Studies [2001-2002]. Ron has worked on a wide range of labour market issues and has served on committees at the International Labour Organization and in federal-provincial initiatives.

Conference Topics

- *Organising low wage workers in the service sector: Learning to build strength*
- *Cashing Out on the Margins: Regulation and Precarious Work in South Africa's Retail Sector*
- *Workers needed: Should be small in stature, obedient and under 14. Human rights need not apply.*
- *Through the Looking Glass Ceiling - Reflections of the Disabled Work Experience*
- *Precarious Work and Community Advocacy*
- *False Promises in the New Economy: Barriers Facing the Integration of Recent Chinese Immigrants in Edmonton*
- *Post-Welfare Labour Market Experiences of Immigrants in Toronto*
- *(Re)Doing Difference: A Critical Approach to Diversity Education*
- *Seeking Equality - Not Sameness in Workplace Settings*
- *We've always done it this way: Challenging the organization of skilled tradework*
- *Putting Women in the Picture: Building Equitable Access to Ontario's Labour Market*
- *Immigrant Service Organizations and Employability Programs: Precarious Positions*
- *Trading my Health for Money: Precarious Employment and Worker's Health*
- *Pick me mate! (A brief knowledge café to explore the future of work)*
- *Bard & Soderqvist's Netocracy: Reality or Utopian Dream?*
- *Learning on the Edge: Connecting People and L(e)arning in the Everyday to Policy and Program Possibilities*
- *Precarious Work Conditions in the Public Sector in Denmark - Mechanisms of Exclusion and New Strategies towards Inclusion*
- *Here Today, but what about Tomorrow? Literacy, A Collaborative Process Toward a Literacy Policy for Alberta*
- *Balancing Contradictions: Social Responsibility, Work and Economy*
- *Skilled In Vulnerability: Work-related Learning in the Racialized Culture of Contingency*
- *Learning to Make Care/Domestic Work into Successful Self-employment*
- *Precarity and Alternative Forms of Workplace Organizing*

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REGISTRATION FORM

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We need your help with chairing sessions. Are you able to volunteer as a Session chair for one session? Yes No

CONFERENCE FEES (GST is included)

| | Before September 15 th | After September 15 th | Amount Due |
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| Regular – full conference | \$110 | \$125 | _____ |
| Student and unwaged | \$50 | \$65 | _____ |
| Friday evening Only (Keynote speaker) | \$25 | \$25 | _____ |

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