

Invitation to tender

29th International Labour Process Conference: Work Matters – 2011

The ILPC Steering Group is now inviting expressions of interest from organising teams who would like to host the Spring 2011 Conference. The conference should attract papers related to all of the issues and debates with which the conference is concerned, in addition to special streams and themes of relevance to the time and venue.

The International Labour Process Conference – Work Matters is one of the longest established and best known forums for analysis of all aspects of work and employment. It has seen significant growth in recent years, drawing more diverse and inclusive audiences, who strongly concerned to explore work and employment relations in the context of the broader political economy for these new times, and attracted by the continuing emphasis on employee perspectives and theory-led empirical research. Following highly successful conferences in Dublin 2008 and Edinburgh 2009, for 2010, the ILPC moves out of Europe and to North America for the first time.

During its 29 year history the ILPC has earned a reputation as a cornerstone of empirical research and cutting edge theoretical debate. Every year, the conference brings together academics and policy makers from the sociology of work and employment, business and management studies, human resource management, industrial relations, organisational analysis and a range of other disciplines to discuss and critically assess developments in the field. Noted publications have included edited collections on *Work Matters: Critical Reflections on Contemporary Work*; *Workplaces of the Future*, *Global Trends in Flexible Labour*; *The Skills that Matte*; *Work Less – Live More? Critical Analysis of the Work-Life Boundary*; *Creative Labour and Work Matters: Critical Reflections on Contemporary Work*.

For further information on the conference. see the home website at www.ilpc.org.uk

Bidding teams are invited to submit details of potential venue (including information on accommodation, location of sessions and transport links), preliminary costing, conference organising expertise (including previous connections to ILPC), and

institutional support. Further details are a matter of discussion with the Steering Group, but bids may also signal any special events proposed for the conference, as well as potential keynote speakers and publication opportunities such as journal special issues envisaged.

Whilst logistic and other support is available from the Steering Group, each conference is a financially stand-alone event. The only requirement is that the local organising group budget for £1000 (or non-sterling equivalent) to support collective website and IT support costs. The website is the primary resource for most of the conference functions, including uploading, refereeing and viewing abstracts.

A decision on the successful bid will be made by the ILPC Steering Group. To aid communication and accountability, a member of the successful team will be co-opted on to the Steering Group for the period of the conference planning.

TIMETABLE

31 Oct 2009 Bids submitted

15 Dec 2009 Bids reviewed and preliminary decision

For further information and to submit bids, contact Professor Irena Grugulis (I.Grugulis@Bradford.ac.uk)

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