The International Labour Process Conference is one of the longest established and best known forums for the analysis of all aspects of work and employment. As it approaches its 30th anniversary, ILPC has earned a reputation as a cornerstone of empirical research and cutting edge theoretical debate within the labour process and sociology of work. Every year, the conference brings together academics and policy makers from sociology, business and management studies, industrial relations, organisational analysis and a range of other disciplines to discuss developments in the field, present their research and initiate new collaborations.

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The primary focus of the ILPC conference is work and its organization in the context of the broader political economy. ILPC particularly welcomes submissions on:

- Labour process and other critical theories of work relations;
- The meaning, value, quality and experience of work;
- The restructuring of work;
- Skills and knowledge;
- Gender, ethnicity and class at work;
- The nature and impact of information technology;
- Power, control and culture in organizations;
- Work-life boundaries;
- Changing forms of employment relations;
- Employee participation and involvement;
- Trade union strategies and organizing;
- Resistance and misbehaviour;
- Power and inequality in labour markets;
- Political economy, workplace regimes and varieties of capitalism

All abstracts must be 350-500 words in length. Abstracts are externally refereed and papers must not have been previously published or presented elsewhere. Abstract content should enable the referees to determine what issue, development or problem is being investigated, how it is being investigated, what the findings are and what contribution is being made to knowledge in this field. Please follow the online instructions.

Special Streams

There will be four special streams running alongside the general programme of this year’s conference. Authors are invited to submit abstracts either to the general conference or to one of these special streams:

- Body/Sex/Work: Exploring the Diversification of Sexual and Corporeal Labour
- Jobs and Joblessness in the Crisis
- (Re)organizing Professional Work: The Power of Process
- Well-being and Work: Debating Theoretical and Empirical Contributions

Further details about these streams and stream convenors are available via the ILPC website.

Call for Symposia

We also welcome proposals for special symposia. Each symposium will be a self contained session of one and a half hours in length. The conference organisers are open-minded about how this time should be used. For example, symposia may explore specific areas of debate that are currently polarised and/or contested. They may offer a platform for novel interdisciplinary initiatives or simply bring together a round-table discussion on a particular theme. Please submit proposals, which must be less than 750 words, via the website or contact one of the conference organisers for a more informal discussion.

The deadline for abstract submissions and proposals for symposia is 31st October and decisions on acceptance will be made in early December 2010.

The Venue

Leeds is a large and cosmopolitan city, situated in the north of England that offers an appealing mix of industrial heritage and modernity, boasting excellent cultural, shopping, entertainment and dining options. The main conference venue will be Leeds University Business School (LUBS), one of the largest, most influential business schools in the UK. The School’s state-of-the-art facilities are located at the West of the University of Leeds city centre campus.

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