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Friday, September 22

1pm: Conference Welcome and Introductions, Layna Mosley

1:15-3:15: Session I: Economic Reform, External Pressures, and Labor Rights

Rod Abouharb (Political Science, Louisiana State University) and David Cingranelli (Political Science, Binghamton University), “The Impact of Structural Adjustment Programs on Worker Rights in Developing Countries.”

Emmanuel Teitelbaum (Political Science, George Washington University), “Does Successful Reform Require a Race to the Bottom? Evidence from India”

Reed Morrison Wood (Political Science, UNC), “Funding Workers’ Rights: OECD Development Assistance”

Discussant: Graeme Robertson (Political Science, UNC)

3:15-3:30 Coffee Break

3:30-5:30 Session II: Trade Institutions and Labor Rights

Papers:


Gary Gereffi (Sociology, Duke University) and Fritz Mayer (Public Policy, Duke University), “Economic Globalization, Private Governance, and the Role of the State”

Discussant: Andrew Schrank (Sociology, University of New Mexico)

Saturday, September 23

8:30am-9:00am Continental Breakfast, Toy Lounge, Dey Hall

9:00-11:00 am Session III: Domestic Politics, Local Interest Groups, and Labor Rights

Nathan Martin and David Brady (Sociology, Duke University), “Workers of the Less Developed World Unite? A Multi-Level Analysis of Unionization in Less Developed Countries”

Andrew Schrank (Sociology, University of New Mexico), “Labor Inspectors in the CAFTA Region: Developmental, Detrimental, or Decorative?” For background reading (on labor inspectors in Central America more generally), see this piece by Piore and Schrank.


Discussant: Evelyne Huber (Political Science, UNC)

11:00-11:45am Open discussion of Empirical Strategies, Data Collection, Linking Qualitative and Quantitative Research

11:45-1:00pm Lunch (Toy Lounge, Dey Hall)

1:00pm-3:00pm Session IV: Foreign Direct Investment and Labor Rights


Discussant: Sinziana Popa (Political Science, Duke University)

3:00-3:30 Coffee Break

3:30-5:30pm Session V: The Apparel Industry and the Global Economy
Dennis Arnold (Geography, UNC), “The Cambodia Experiment in Ethical Production: Dynamics of a GMO Approach to Promoting Labor Rights and Investment”

Jennifer Bair, (Sociology, Yale University), “Competition or Convergence?: The FLA, the WRC, and the Question of Apparel Industry Exceptionalism.” (Background reading from Jennifer Bair).

Meenu Tewari, (City and Regional Planning, UNC), “Targeting Global Supply Chains: Innovations in Labor Organizing in the Indian Garment Industry” (Background reading from Meenu Tewari).

Discussant: John Pickles (Geography, UNC)