

Global Labour Research Centre | GLRC

Newsletter. March 2025.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear GLRC Community,

It was a busy month at the GLRC. More than 50 participants attended the Global Labour Research Centre's (GLRC) 9th Annual Graduate Student Symposium, *Critical Conversations in Work & Labour*. Spread across [13 panels](#), conversations interrogated the role of artificial intelligence, care work and reproductive labour, migration, climate action, higher education, social and political struggles, and more. The conference also featured a keynote address by Arun Khundnani titled, *What is Anti-Racism? And Why It Means Anti-Capitalism*, which is now available for [viewing online](#).

This could not have happened without the tireless efforts of the organizing committee: Alaa Abdelhamid, Nicole Jokinen-Hurl, Tinu Koithara Mathew, Carmen Ponce and Julie Wilson. A special thanks are also due to conference panels chairs, as well as Abigail Bakan (OISE, University of Toronto), Anne Thomson-Eleen, Paul Bocking (United Steelworkers Humanity Fund), Duygu Gulseren (Human Resource Management, York University), and Kaitlin Peters (College of Early Childhood Educators) for their thoughtful comments and participation.

Switching gears, the GLRC has decided it will cease participation on "X" (formerly known as Twitter) as a result of extensive misinformation, amplification of hate speech, unreliability and anti-worker practices, particularly from its owner, Elon Musk, which do not align with the values of the Centre. We are currently exploring alternatives and will be sure to keep the GLRC community informed of what comes next.

Spotlight

The GLRC is thrilled to host two concluding events to the Winter term later this month. Please join us on **Thursday March 6, 2025** for our Labour Power Hour from 12-1pm (EST), with Tanner Mirrlees, who will join us remotely to speak about

his new book, [*Work in the Digital Media and Entertainment Industries: A Critical Introduction*](#). To receive the Zoom link, please [Register Here](#).

Next, on **Thursday March 20th** from 2-4pm (EST), the GLRC will welcome speakers to discuss the results of Ontario's 2025 general election titled, **Ford More Years: What Comes Next?** The hybrid panel will feature panelists from the newly released book, [*Against the People: How Ford Nation is Dismantling Ontario*](#). You can register to attend in-person or online, [HERE](#).

We hope to see you at both of these events for what are certain to be insightful and thought-provoking series of discussions!

New Research and Initiatives

Readers are encouraged to check-out two new **Perspectives** pieces now available on the GLRC website. The first, by GLRC Associates David Doorey and Kelly Pike, is titled, [*Collective Bargaining in the Professional Women's Hockey League*](#), and explores the transnational legal regimes – and prospective future challenges – that govern professional sports. The second, [*If You're Struggling in Ontario, You're On Your Own*](#), written by Maria Rio, discusses how food insecurity and the affordability crisis are inextricably linked to low-waged work. Please read and share widely!

We are also very excited to announce two new initiatives. The first, the **GLRC Book Club**, aims to bring together readers interested in exploring critical new books in work and labour. We are still working out the details but, if you are interested in reading along and informally discussing these issues with us, I encourage you to [SIGN-UP HERE](#), where you will receive a link to a future meeting where we will discuss what we'll read, how often we'll meet and any other pertinent details.

Second, please join us for our inaugural **GLRC Writing Retreat**, led by York University GLRC Associates, Professors Hanna Johnston (Human Resource Management) and Ling Jiang (School of Information Technology). Along with dedicated writing blocks, the GLRC conveners hope to provide participants with additional optional activities and supports. This could include peer and faculty check-ins, a workshop on writing strategies and/or productivity, editing assistance, and peer reviews. Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to apply by **March 17th at 5pm**. To express your interest and commitment, please complete the [application form](#).

In solidarity,

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GLRC SPOTLIGHT

SAVE THE DATE for our two upcoming events:

- On March 6, Tanner Mirrlees will discuss his new book *Work in the Digital Media and Entertainment Industries: A Critical Introduction*, an interdisciplinary study to the economic, political, cultural, and technological dimensions of work in the rapidly growing digital media and entertainment industries (DMEI). [Click here](#) for more information about the book and how to register for the 1-hour event.



Book Talk

March 6 | 12-1pm (EST)
(VIRTUAL, ZOOM)

Author
Tanner Mirrlees

Work in the Digital Media and
Entertainment Industries: A
Critical Introduction

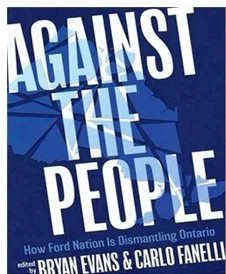


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- On March 20, join us to discuss the results of Ontario's 2025 general election. The hybrid event will feature panelists from the newly released book, *Against the People: How Ford Nation is Dismantling Ontario*. [Click here](#) for more information about the book and how to register to attend online or in person (light refreshments will be served).



Ford More Years: What Comes Next?

Post-Election Panel & Book Discussion

Featuring:
Bryan Evans | Carlo Fanelli
Maria Rio | Tom McDowell
Venai Raniga | John Clarke
Mark Winfield | Katherine
Nastovski | Doug Allan
& More

March 20, 2025
2:00– 4:00pm (EST)

Please register to attend [Online](#) or
[In Person](#) (519 Kaneff Tower, York University)

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ASSOCIATES' RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

GLRC's 9th Annual Graduate Student Symposium & 2025 John Eleen Lecture (February 20-21, 2025)

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of the guest speakers and discussants, graduate students from York University and from other universities across Canada, and panel chairs for your participation in the symposium. We look forward to future collaborations with you!



EXTERNAL EVENT

***The Warp & The Weft* , Exhibition and Artist Talk with Myrtle Sodhi**

We're excited to share that Artistic Research Manager Myrtle Sodhi is exhibiting a sculpture inspired by the Creating Space project called *The Warp & The Weft* at Gales Gallery from Tuesday, March 4th to Friday March 7th, and will hold an artist talk on March 4th at 6:00 pm.

The Warp & The Weft

March 4-7, 2025

The Gales Gallery, York University, Accolade West, 89 York Blvd.

An exhibition by Myrtle Sodhi, inspired by The Creating Space Project, showcasing story-threads that link the pandemic experiences of women and gender-diverse individuals to broader national and historical narratives.

Artist Talk with Myrtle Sodhi March 4th, 2025 6 PM

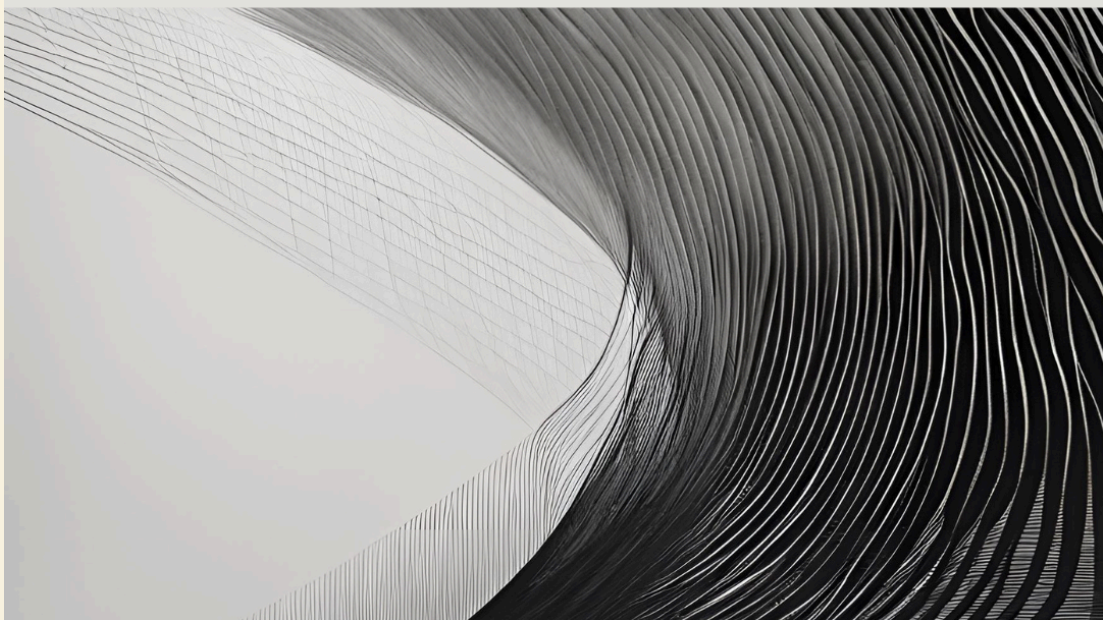
Gallery Hours

Tuesday March 4th 3:00-7:30

Wednesday March 5th, 11-2

Thursday March 6th, 11-2

Friday March 7th, 11-2



CALL FOR PAPERS

1. Conference | *The Power of Marxist Thought*, York University

Conference's dates and location: September 26 & 27, 2025, at York University.

Deadline for [submissions](#): March 15

Themes: The Marxist Studies in Global and Asian Perspectives Research Group invites participants to compare Marxist and non-Marxist approaches to a wide range of issues, and to articulate how being informed by a Marxist approach can produce a unique, important, and essential analysis of pressing political, social, or ecological issues that are generally missing outside of Marxism.

[Click here](#) for more information about the conference.



CALL FOR PAPERS

THE POWER OF MARXIST THOUGHT

York University, Toronto
Friday & Saturday, 26-27 September 2025



DEADLINES:

- Submission of abstracts (250 words): 15 March 2025 ([please submit here](#))
- Abstracts acceptance decision: 15 April 2025
- Email submission of first drafts of the papers: 30 August 2025
- Conference registration opens 5 May
- Email submission of final drafts for consideration for publication: 15 November 2025

Organized by the **Marxist Studies in Global and Asian Perspectives (MSGAP) Research Group** at York University

Contact the Organizing Collective at msgap@yorku.ca

Sponsored by: Science & Society; Critical Sociology; Socialist Register; YorkU Global Labour Research Centre; Alternate Routes; Capital & Class; and the York University Faculty of Environment and Urban Change.

2. Conference | *2025 Canadian Industrial Relations Association Conference*

Conference's dates and location: June 3 to 6, 2025, at the Ted Roger's School of Management, Centre for Labour Management Relations, at Toronto Metropolitan University.

Deadline for submission: March 15

Themes: As organizations continue to overcome the disruptions caused by the global pandemic, rampant inflation and socio-economic turmoil, new challenges arise in the changing context of work, workforce, and workplace. Given the

significance of building a resilient and sustainable workforce, we continue to ask longitudinal questions. What is the future of work? What role does the integration of technology and AI play in this? How can we confront the parallel crises that our workplaces are currently facing? Can we build a resilient workplace to embrace the present and future challenges to maximize sustainability and innovation?

[Click here](#) for more information about the conference.

3. Publication | *Discover Global Society: Special Issue on Transnational Pop Culture and Work*. Guest Editors:

- Professor Anja Louis, Sheffield Creative Industries Institute, Sheffield Hallam University, UK
- Dr Will Kitchen, Department of Creative Industries, University of Chichester / Bournemouth Film School, Arts University Bournemouth, UK

Deadline for Full Chapter Submissions: August 30, 2025

Description: This special issue aims to compile a global dossier of interdisciplinary critical analysis to illuminate and challenge how the cultural metaphysics of modern labour are disseminated and negotiated by various forms of art, entertainment and community production.

If you have any questions, please contact the Guest Editors at a.louis@shu.ac.uk and wkitchen@aub.ac.uk with the subject line "Special Issue Submission: Transnational Pop Culture and Work."

[Click here](#) to download the full call for papers.

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



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