

Global Labour Research Centre | GLRC

Newsletter. April 2025.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear GLRC Community,

Last month, the GLRC welcomed Tanner Mirrlees, Associate Professor at Ontario Tech, to discuss his new book, *Work in the Digital Media and Entertainment Industries: A Critical Introduction*. The GLRC also hosted an Ontario post-election panel and book discussion, titled *Ford More Years: What Comes Next?* For those who were unable to join, the video recordings of both events can be found on the GLRC website or [HERE](#).

We encourage readers to also check out the latest Perspective's article by Joe Grogan, retired Professor at Humber College and OPSEU 562 member titled, [*Unchecked, a Grim Future Looms for Post-Secondary Education and Healthcare*](#). A brief reminder that there is still time to sign up for the [GLRC Book Club](#) who will meet later this month. On April 14-16th, the GLRC will host its inaugural Writing Retreat. While new submissions are currently closed, please keep an eye out for information about future events.

Finally, I would encourage readers to view the short biography written by Anne Thomson on [John Eleen](#), sponsor of the GLRC's annual keynote lecture. In this regard, it is worth ending with a quote by John as important today as it was when written: "Working people will always have to fight to protect their human rights and struggle for social justice and an equitable society. They will draw inspiration, courage and a sense of community from those who have passed before them. The struggle is as valid and urgent today as it ever was."

In solidarity,

[Carlo Fanelli](#), PhD

Interim Director, [Global Labour Research Centre](#)

Associate Professor,

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Graduate Programs in Sociology, and Politics,

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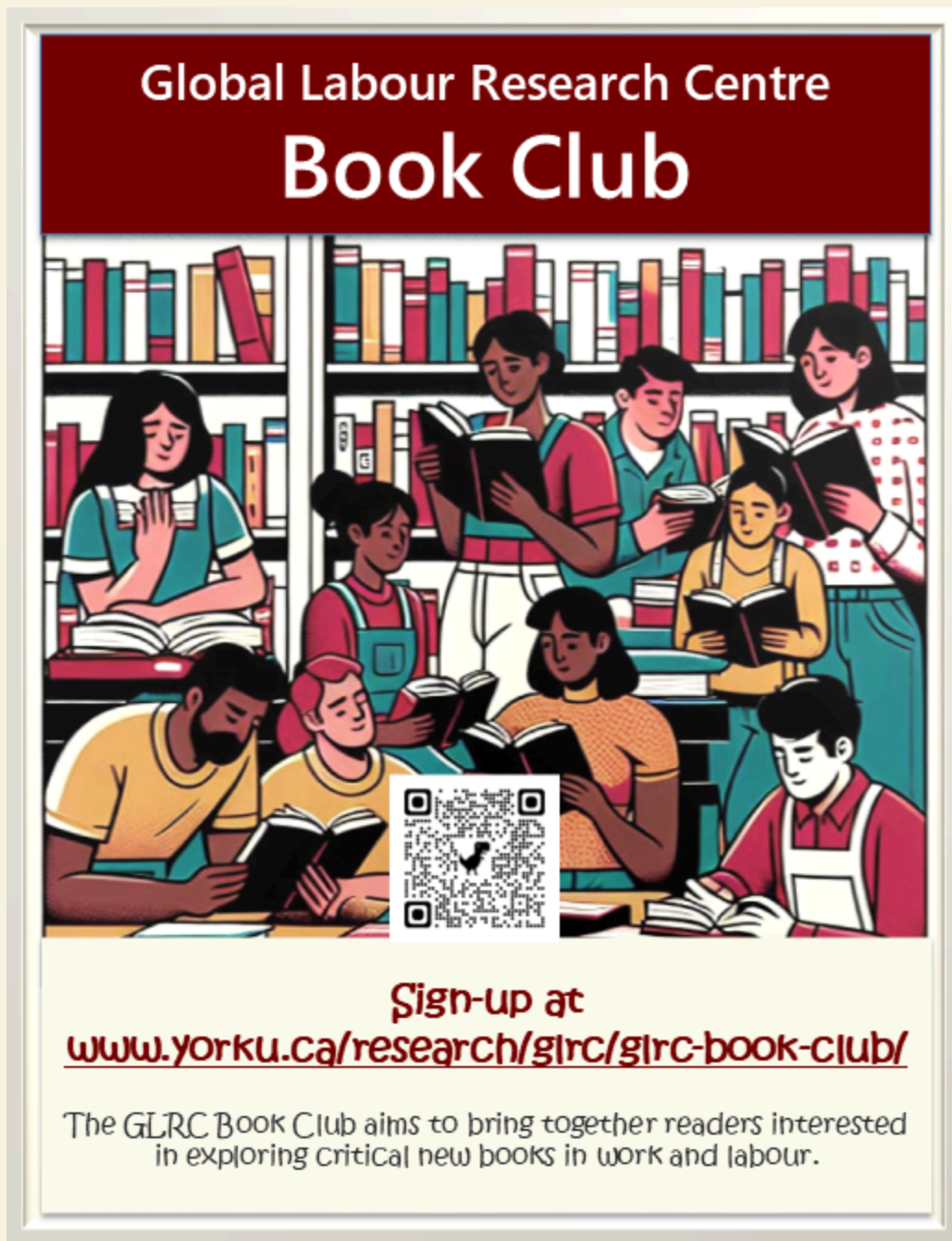
Editor, [Alternate Routes: A Journal of Critical Social Research](#)

GLRC SPOTLIGHT

1. Join the GLRC Book Club!

The GLRC Book Club aims to bring together readers interested in exploring critical new books in work and labour. Our first meeting will be virtual (via Zoom), and we will discuss what we'll read, how often we'll meet, and any other pertinent details.

If you are interested in joining, please [sign up here!](#) We will send you an email as soon as we define the dates for the upcoming meetings.



The graphic features a red header with the text "Global Labour Research Centre Book Club" in white. Below the header is a colorful illustration of a diverse group of people in a library setting, some sitting at tables reading books and others standing. A QR code is overlaid on the illustration. At the bottom, the text "Sign-up at" is followed by the URL www.yorku.ca/research/glrc/glrc-book-club/ in red. A final line of text at the bottom reads: "The GLRC Book Club aims to bring together readers interested in exploring critical new books in work and labour."

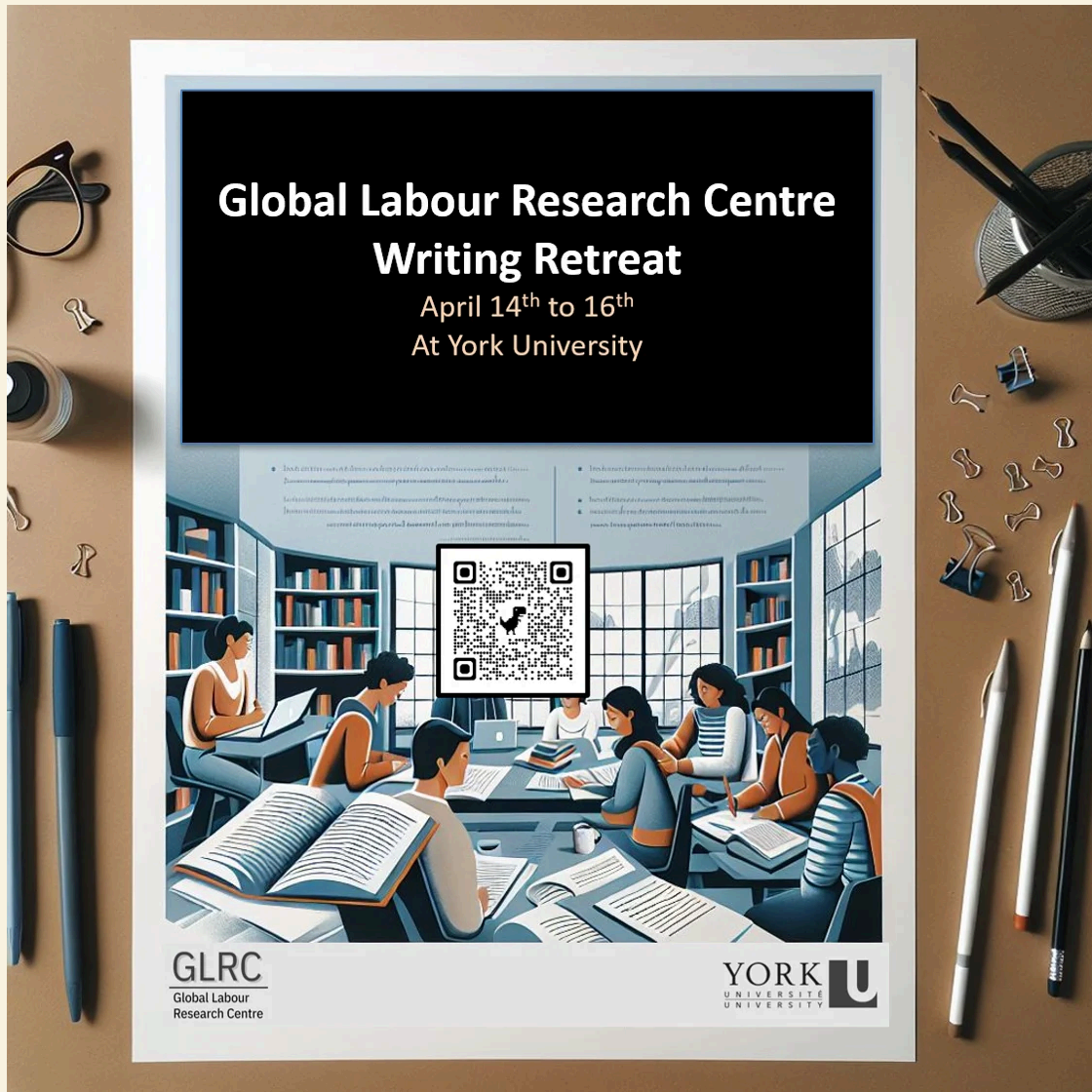
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- Spring 2025 GLRC Writing Retreat

The GLRC Writing Retreat will be hosted from April 14 to April 16. Designed to provide a structured, supportive, and focused environment, this retreat will offer students an opportunity to advance their academic writing projects—whether they are working on a thesis, dissertation, research paper, proposal, or something else! A special thank you to Prof. Hannah Johnston and Prof. Ling Jiang, who will be leading the retreat, and to the students who submitted their applications. Happy writing, everyone!



EXTERNAL EVENT

1. TALK | A Left Program for the Future of Labour

Speaker: **Prof. Raquel Varela**, New University of Lisbon

Discussant: Prof. Greg Albo, Political Science, York University

Chair: Prof. Raju Das, Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change, York University

Date: **April 24, from 3:00 pm to 5:00pm**

Location: Room 140, HNES Building, York University (Keele Campus)

A Left Program for the Future of Labour

Raquel Varela is a social historian and researcher in global labour history. She is an assistant professor at Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Autonomous Section on Education and General Training). She is the President of the Observatory for Living and Working Conditions and coordinator of Social Data/Nova Sustainability.

Her area of research pertains to social sciences and humanities, with an emphasis on the subjects of history of revolutions and the labour movement, history and global sociology of work, and a global perspective on education and work. She is the author of *A People's History of the Portuguese Revolution* and *A People's History of Europe From World War I to Today* (Pluto Press).



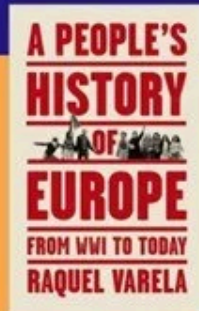
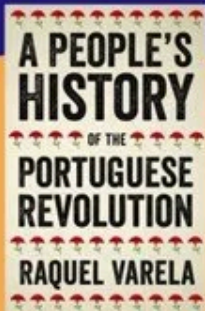
With **Raquel Varela**
New University of Lisbon

Thursday, 24 April 2025

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room 140 | HNES Building
Keele Campus | York University

Discussant: **Greg Albo (Politics)**



The talk is organized by Marxist Studies from Asian & International Perspectives (MSGAP), Socialist Project, *Socialist Register*, and Associação Cultural 25 de Abril (Toronto)

For more information, contact:

msgap@yorku.ca

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

1. Confederation of Canadian Unions (**CCU-CSC**)

Position: Graduate-level Research Assistant

Application Deadline: April 30, 2025

Hours: 135

Salary: \$4000

Start Date: As soon as possible

How to apply: Please include a one-page cover letter outlining your qualifications, and a current CV (maximum two pages). Email your application as a single.pdf file to secretary@ccu-csc.ca.

For inquiries, please contact secretary@ccu-csc.ca

[Click here](#) to download the job posting.

SUMMER COURSE

SUMMER COURSE | Climate Migration Futures: Shaping the Research Agenda for 2050

Application Deadline: April 25, 2025

Organized by the Centre for Refugee Studies at York University.

Designed for scholars, policymakers, practitioners, and students interested in exploring innovative research and policy solutions at the intersection of climate change and human mobility.

Dates: June 2 to 6, 2025

Modalities available: Fully In-person and Fully Virtual

[Click here](#) for more information.

**CLIMATE
MIGRATION
FUTURES**

June 2-6, 2025
York University and Online

Dr. Erica Bower
Human Rights Watch

Dr. Yvonne Su
York University

Dr. Opportuna Kweka
Carleton University

Dr. Vincenzo Bollettino
Harvard Humanitarian
Initiative

Dr. Roger Zetter
Oxford University

Dr. Gabrielle Wong-Parodi
Stanford University

CALL FOR PAPERS

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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