

Call for Papers

Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo

and

IGU Commission on the dynamics of economic spaces

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Mini-meeting in Oslo, Norway 14-15 May 2008

Theoretical approaches in labour geographies

The analysis of labour and its geographies has gained momentum in recent years, but there are still quite a few issues to be addressed. In labour geographies there is a need to refine theories on both labour in general and the organisations of the labour movement. Specifically, there is a need to further develop our understandings of how the dynamics of labour regimes are changed or activated when the regimes are stretched or contracted across space. The negotiation on the part of labour between place and space needs further theorising especially pertaining to the discrepancy in the mobility-fixity nexus between labour and capital. Furthermore, there is a need to delve more deeply into the relations between economy and politics, addressing issues of agency, power and collective mobilisations. The latter may also occur at diverse geographical scales and may involve a variety of agents preoccupied with labour, such as trade unions, non-governmental organisations and other civil society organisations.

Addressing theoretical 'missing links' in labour geographies, we especially invite papers that deal with one or more of the following issues:

- Concepts of power relations and class in labour geographies
- Concepts of labour regimes; control issues, contract issues, material support issues
- Labour regimes in relation to industry structure and strategies of industrialisation
- Labour regulations: judicial and ethical, spaces of control
- Place, space, scale and context in labour geographies
- Informalisation and formalisation of work
- Labour hire and labour intermediaries
- Organisations of the labour movement
- Outwork and homework

Theoretical approaches may well be illustrated by cases.

Important Dates:

One page abstract by 1 December 2007
Deadline for registration 28 February 2008
Submission of final papers 30 April 2008

Please submit to local organisers:

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Conference publications:

Papers presented for this meeting will be considered for Commission publication initiatives.

Participation Fee:

NOK 1000 includes refreshments and lunches for two days and conference dinner

One Commission Travel Award is available for the meeting (grant in aid of US \$500 payable at the meeting)

Accommodation:

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Single rooms: from NOK 530 per night, breakfast is not included.
Double rooms from NOK 700, breakfast is not included.
(We have been informed that there may be a slight increase in prices of NOK 10-20 per night in 2008). Quote 017076 at time of booking.

NB! Please note that conference delegates are responsible for making their own accommodation bookings and cover all costs of accommodation. Reservations should be made by 1. April 2008. Rooms may not be available after this date. For those who wish to experience the National Day on 17 May it is possible to extend the stay, but you must book early. The Norlandia Karl Johan hotel is situated in the Karl Johan Street which is one of the main locations for watching the children's parade. Cochs Pensjonat is also centrally located near Slottsparken.

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