

**Global Labor Standards and Living Wages
Working Group Meeting, April 19-20, 2002
Political Economy Research Institute
University of Massachusetts**

PROGRAM

Friday, April 19, 2002

Lord Jeffrey Inn, Amherst Center

Panel I

Global labor standards and living wages: An overview

9:30 – 11:15 Presentations

- ✍ Robert Pollin (PERI and University of Massachusetts), “The anti-sweat shop movement: good intentions and economic logic in conflict?”
- ✍ Ajit Singh (Cambridge University) and Ann Zammit (UNRISD), “The global labor standards controversy: critical issues for developing countries”
- ✍ James Heintz (PERI), “Low-wage exports, job creation, and global inequalities”
- ✍ Will Milberg (New School University), “Subcontracting and labor standards: research issues”

11:30 – 1:00 Discussant comments & facilitated discussion
(Mohan Rao, University of Massachusetts)

1:00 – 2:00 *Lunch*

Panel II

Gender, low-wage production, and labor standards

2:00 – 3:30 Presentations

- ✍ Elissa Braunstein (PERI), “Gender, FDI and women’s autonomy: a research note on empirical analysis”
- ✍ Stephanie Seguino (University of Vermont), “Promoting gender equality through labor standards and living wages: an exploration of the issues”

- ✍ Nilufer Cagatay (University of Utah) and Mumtaz Keklik (UNDP), “Gender inequalities, globalization and labor standards: some questions for research”

3:45 – 4:45 Discussant comments & facilitated discussion
(Nancy Folbre, University of Massachusetts)

Saturday, April 20, 2002

Lederle Research Tower Room 1033, University of Massachusetts

Panel III

Labor standards, living wages, and employment: country studies

9:30 – 11:00 Presentations

- ✍ Mehrene Larudee (University of Kansas), “Wage and non-wage factors in apparel industry location decisions: facts and research strategies”
- ✍ Diane Flaherty (University of Massachusetts), “The effects of monitoring of labor standards: evidence from clothing firms in Guatemala and Mauritius”
- ✍ Thomas Hertz (Princeton University), “Does raising wages reduce poverty? Evidence from South Africa”

11:15 – 12:30 Discussant comments & facilitated discussion
(Jerry Epstein, PERI and University of Massachusetts)

12:30 – 1:30 *Lunch*

Panel IV

Sourcing decisions, global commodity chains and subcontracting

1:30 – 2:30

- ✍ Peter Gibbon (Centre for Development Research, Copenhagen), “At the cutting edge? UK clothing retailers global sourcing patterns and practices and their implications for developing countries”

Discussant comments & facilitated discussion
(Will Milberg, New School University)

Panel V
Measuring poverty and living wages

2:30 – 3:30 Presentations

✍ Mark Brenner (PERI), “Defining and measuring living wages in a global context”

✍ Selim Jahan (UNDP), “Measuring living standards and poverty: the Human Development Index as an alternate measure”

3:45 – 4:45 Discussant comments & facilitated discussion
(Michael Ash, University of Massachusetts)

4:45 – 5:45 Summary, wrap-up, and the way forward