

26-27 June 2014

Università di Padova
Via del Santo 22, Room B1

An international seminar
with scholars and practitioners engaging the transnational
politics of labour and workers' struggles

Forms of Labour in Europe and China. The Case of Foxconn

Thursday 26th June 2014

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (10.00 - 11.00)

Alberta Contarello (Vice-Director of Department of Philosophy, Sociology, Education and Applied Psychology)
Antonio Varsori (Director of Department of Political, Legal and International Sciences)

Coffee Break (11.00 - 11.30)

SESSION 1 (11.30 - 13.00)

Electronics: from China to the World

CHAIR: **Massimiliano Tomba** (University of Padua)

SPEAKERS:

Gijsbert van Liemt (Self-employed economist, formerly ILO)
Foxconn, the Company: Past, Present, and Future

Chris Smith (University of London, Royal Holloway College)
Work and Employment in Chinese Multinationals Abroad

Jan Drahekoupil (European Trade Union Institute)
Foreign Direct Investment and the State in Central and Eastern Europe

Lunch (13.00 - 14.00)

SESSION 2 (14.30 - 16.30)

Electronics in Europe

CHAIR: **Marek Čaněk** (Multicultural Centre Prague)

SPEAKERS:

Malgorzata Maciejewska (Feminist Think Tank 'Workers Initiative')
Work and Life in a Special Economic Zone: The Electronics Industry in Poland

Devi Sacchetto (University of Padua)
Working in a European Free Zone: Foxconn workers' in Turkey

Irene Schipper (Somo)
Working Conditions at Foxconn in Hungary

Tea Break (16.30 - 17.00)

SESSION 3 (17.00 - 19.00)

Trade Unions and Labour Organising

CHAIR: **Chun-Yi Lee** (University of Nottingham)

SPEAKERS:

Laurent Zibell (Industrial-europe)
Co-ordinating Workers across Borders: industriAll Europe's Action at European Level in the Electronics Sector

Tomáš Formánek (Foxconn shop steward in the Czech Republic)
The Experience of Trade Unions inside Foxconn Plant in the Czech Republic

Li Changjiang (Labor Community Education Center - China)
Labour Organizing and Education for Foxconn Workers

Conference Schedule

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SESSION 4 (09.00 - 11.00)

New Features of the Working Class?

CHAIR: **Ferruccio Gambino** (University of Padua)

SPEAKERS:

Kateřina Kotrlá (Most pro lidska prava)
Working with Migrants in Pardubice, Czech Republic

Jenny Chan (University of London, Royal Holloway College)
Student Workers in China

Jack Qiu (Chinese University of Hong Kong)
Working-Class Public Spheres

Coffee Break (11.00 - 11.30)

SESSION 5 (11.30 - 13.30)

**Global production regime,
global labour politics:
new research agendas**

CHAIR: **Rutvica Andrijasevic** (University of Leicester)

SPEAKERS:

Martina Sproll (Freie Universität Berlin)
Contract Manufacturing as a Neotaylorist
Production Regime: Linking Labour Politics, Power and Social Inequalities

Pun Ngai (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)
Dying for an iPhone: Apple, Foxconn and the Struggle of Chinese Workers

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