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

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

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### Conference Schedule

#### 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** (University of Wroclaw)
  - 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

**Coffee Break (11.00 - 11.30)**

#### Friday 27th June 2014

**SESSION 4 (09.00 - 11.00)**

**New Features of the Working Class?**

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

**Speakers:**
- **Kateřina Kotříá** (Most pro lidska prva)
  - 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