Friday, Oct. 14


10:45 a.m. – 12:15 P.M., Session 1: Revisiting and (Re)conceptualizing the Devalued Labors of Women


Donald A. Clelland (University of Tennessee Emeritus), “Unpaid Labor as Dark Value in Global Commodity Chains”

Dave Broad (University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada), “Conceptualizing Women’s Work: Households, Casual Labour, and the Informal Economy”

1:45 P.M., Welcome Remarks

2 – 4 P.M., Session 2: The Feminization of Global Production: Linkages between Waged Work, Subcontracting, Informal Sector and Households

Robert J. S. Ross (Clark University), “In Chains at the Bottom of the Pyramid: The Informal Economy and Sweated Labor in Global Apparel Production”

Saniye Dedegolu (University of Warwick, UK), “Women’s Work, Households and Global Industrial Production in Istanbul: The Case of Garment Industry in Turkey”

M. Cecilia Macabuac-Ferrolin (Mindanao State University, Philippines), “Commodity Chained Fishing Households: Peasant Subsidization of Exports in a Philippine Seafood Extractive Enclave”

Saturday, Oct. 15


11 a.m. – 12:30 P.M., Session 3: Reconceptualizing Transnational Laborers as Commodities in Global Chains

Nicola Yeates (Open University, UK), “Bringing in Gendered Transnational Labourers and Households into Commodity Chain Analysis: Theorising Global Care Chains”

Nadesda Shapkina (Kansas State University), “Global Commodity Chains in the New Global Sex Trade”


2 – 3:15 P.M., Session 4: Worker Resistance, Labor Organizing and Labor Standards within Commodity Chains


Carmen Bain (Iowa State University), “Constructing Gendered Fields of Visibility: Retailer Standards for Labor in the Chilean Export Fresh Fruit Sector”

3:30 – 5 P.M., Session 5: Collective Discussion: Strategies for Bringing Women and Households into Commodity Chain Research