Conference & Special Issue Call for Papers

Labour Pains, Capital Gains: The Paradox of Low-Wage, No-Wage Work

Friday March 27, 2015 at Ryerson University
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The goal of this conference is to explore how precarious labour market arrangements and changes to social policy have exacerbated low-waged and no-waged work. Alternate Routes is seeking critical submissions that advance or challenge theoretical approaches, explore the intersections of race, class, gender and other subjectivities in the context of full-time and part-time work, the experiences of migrant and undocumented labour as well as unpaid work in the sphere of social reproduction, voluntary and probationary work. In particular, we are also interested in:

- Job insecurity in the context of youth, students and labour unions
- Public sector austerity and marketization
- New forms of paid/unpaid workplace and community organizing
- Low-waged workers in private services and manufacturing
- Self-employment, apprenticeship labour and paid/unpaid internships
- Alliances with non-governmental organizations, community researchers and social movements
- Changes in labour law and labour relations
- Questions of political strategy and campaigning

The above list is not exhaustive and we welcome proposals that explore work and labour from a broad range of theoretical, methodological and disciplinary approaches.

Conference submissions must be received no later than January 31, 2015. Please include an abstract no longer than 300-words and brief biography. Conference decisions will be made within one week. If you are interested in submitting an article for potential publication but cannot attend the conference, articles must be submitted by May 1, 2015. Conference participation does not guarantee publication. New contributors are encouraged to visit www.alternateroutes.ca for author guidelines and additional information.

Conference proposals and article submissions must be sent directly to editor@alternateroutes.ca