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## CALL FOR PAPERS

"Globalization, Labor, and Migration" – An Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference

Abstract deadline: Friday, March 30, 2007

Conference date: Thursday, May 17, 2007

Conference location: University of California, Irvine

Sponsor: UCI Labor Studies Group, The Global Studies Association

This statewide conference will bring together graduate students from the social sciences and the humanities who research issues and phenomena related to the intersections of globalization/neo-liberalism, labor, gender and migration. It will focus on how various historic and contemporary processes disrupt local economies, uproot large populations, and create surplus labor pools across the globe. Conference participants are encouraged to submit cross-national comparative research to understand how these processes unfold across diverse national settings. We aim to provide a platform where graduate students can engage in both theoretical and empirical discussions of social, political, and economic processes underlying the movement of workers, the utilization of migrant labor, and the incorporation of them and their families into local economies and communities. Graduate students in accredited MA or Ph.D. programs are invited to submit titled abstracts of no more than 400 words. The following is a list of possible topics, but not limited to:

- The effect of economic globalization on migration flows to/from countries at varying levels of development
- Theoretical and methodological discussions of how to study the relationship between globalization on one hand, and labor, gender, migration, and or development outcomes on the other
- The effects of globalization on migrant communities in host countries.
- Socio-legal implications of globalization and migration.
- How has globalization changed the power dynamics between firms and countries in the global economy?
- The role of policy, institutions, labor markets, gender, and social networks in shaping immigrant flows, incorporation, and transnational behavior.
- The social, economic and political incorporation of migrants and their children.
- Theoretical and/or methodological discussions of how to conceptualize and study the relationship between globalization and neo-liberal policies on one hand, and international/internal migration on the other
- The growth of illegal migration across the globe and what it means to the world economy

Submit abstracts to [ucilaborstudies@gmail.com](mailto:ucilaborstudies@gmail.com) no later than Friday, March 30. Abstracts should describe the argument of the paper and the text/material/evidence on which it draws. Students selected for presentation will be notified by Monday, April 16. Please note that conference attendees will be responsible for finding support for their travel and accommodation expenses at their home institutions.