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FROM THE GLOBAL DIVISION CHAIR

The 2006 Annual Meeting Program for Montreal has really shaped up and the Global Section was quite impressed by the wide scope of interests that responded to our call for participation. On behalf of the SSSP Global Division Executive Committee, I would like to thank everyone for this year's paper and presentation proposals. As can be seen below. the Global Section sponsored various paper sessions, co-sponsored others, and has organized two special sessions that will be convened in the form of symposia on August 13th, the "fourth" day of the SSSP conference. We would certainly like to invite all SSSP members to contribute their special expertise to the discussions envisioned in both of these symposia in addition to their participation in all of the Global Section's panels this year. (Access to the symposia on August 13th is included in your SSSP conference registration.)

The post-conference symposia described later in this issue of Social Problems and Global Issues represent the fruits of the first major initiative of the SSSP Global Section. We salute the Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund for once again making possible the presence of international scholars in our annual meeting. We are also tremendously grateful to the material and organizational support from the cosponsors of these events. I would like to begin by acknowledging the substantial financial support received from the progressive journal Critical Sociology published by Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden, The Netherlands. Special thanks goes to David Fasenfest, editor of Critical Sociology, who will be participating in the Aug. 13 symposium Globalization and Neoliberal Crises: Social Problems and Social Struggles. David's presence will offer a special opportunity for interested authors to converse in person about submitting their work for publication. For those who may not know, Critical Sociology is one of the most successful international, peer-reviewed journals in the Brill

Academic series and has recently taken the decision to expand from four to six issues annually. A recent special issue of *Critical Sociology* produced by faculty and students at Boston College grew directly out of a special SSSP session co-sponsored by the journal at a previous annual meeting. That special issue has since evolved into a book entitled *Culture*, *Power*, *and History: Studies in Critical Sociology* (Brill, 2006), edited by Stephen Pfohl, Aimee Van Wagenen, Patricia Arend, Abigail Brooks and Denise Lecken. Be sure to look for it on display in Montreal and encourage your library to purchase it.

In addition, we received financial support to meet the international travel costs for one of our Latin American meeting participants from Inter Pares, a Canadian cooperation and development organization based in Ottawa. Behind the name Inter Pares (literally, "among equals") is a feminist organization in structure and management that works in support of community-based development programs. Their participation in national and international coalitions and networks seeks to create and strengthen social change processes, thus linking social action in Canada with social change processes internationally and advocates for global justice and equitable, sustainable development. For more information on their activities, feel free to visit their website http://www.interpares.ca/en/who/index.php

Another symposium co-sponsor is Project Counselling Service (PCS) whose main office is in Lima, Peru. Among their important projects in South and Central America is an ongoing Dialogue about alternative forms of regional integration which they recently initiated. Their book: *South America's New Dialogue: Another Integration is Possible* will be making its debut at the symposium.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Canadian Partnerships Program of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), our Canadian co-sponsors have received strong



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supplementary funding to be administered by Inter Pares in support of the post-conference SSSP symposia. The IDRC is a Canadian Crown corporation that works in close collaboration with researchers from the developing world in their search for the means to build healthier, more equitable, and more prosperous societies. The IDRC grant will help cover the additional travel and related costs of special session participants from Latin America as well as to cover the costs of an English translation and printing in booklet form of the PCS book South America's New Dialogue: Another Integration is Possible. We are very grateful for IDRC's support of the collaborative effort made by Canadian partner institutions in helping to make this important international dialogue come to fruition at the Montreal meeting.

We are also very pleased to have *Project South:* The Institute for the Elimination of Poverty and Genocide (Atlanta/Washington, DC) as a major collaborator with the SSSP Global Division this year. Project South activists Walda Katz Fishman and Jerome Scott, who are previous recipients of the SSSP Lee Founders Award, organized the SSSP Global Panel Teaching for Global-Local Problem Solving: Curriculum Transformation and Social Change. Project South is a co-sponsor of the symposium on Globalization and Neoliberal Crises and is one of the organizers of the first ever U.S. Social Forum, so you will want to hear more at the symposium about how to get involved.

Finally, we are tremendously pleased to welcome back to the SSSP Annual Meeting, some of our longstanding Cuban members. In recent years, Cuban scholars found their visas being continually denied by the U.S. State Department, in spite of protests from the SSSP Executive Board, resolutions from the SSSP membership, and many others. Indeed, disgust among the membership of the Latin American Studies Association with this policy ran so high that they opted to hold their 2007 Annual Meeting in Montreal with its average 5000+ participation so as to ensure the participation of more than a hundred Cuban academics. The SSSP Global Division salutes this decision of LASA. mindful of the fact that the SSSP also has a policy of canceling their meeting sites, sometimes at great cost, rather than submit to blatant injustice. Over recent years, Canada has cultivated a "special relationship" with Cuba in defiance of the dictates from Washington and has enacted specific laws that forbid Canadian firms from cooperating with the U.S. sponsored embargo directed at the island. We are going to be closely examining Canada's principled stand on this issue as part of a special symposium session dedicated to Cuba and the North American solidarity movement. In this year's annual meeting and symposia, there will be three Cuban SSSP members in all participating from FLACSO-Cuba, an inter-disciplinary research faculty working on development issues at the University of Havana.

On that note, we wish to especially acknowledge and give our thanks for the support of the International Development Studies Program (IDS) at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, in providing travel funding for one of the Cuban scholars. IDS has one of Canada's most successful undergraduate student exchange programs with Cuba and it provides a fine model for promoting scholarly exchange and research opportunities. It should be noted that U.S.-based student exchange programs were shut down in recent years due to a refusal by the Bush Administration's State Department to renew their "study licenses." We are also pleased that Marian T. MacKinnon, the IDS Cuba Program Director, will be participating in our symposium on Cuba on August 13th.

In other Division News, we are happy to announce the winner of the 2006 Graduate Student Award for outstanding scholarship. The committee voted for two co-winners: Afshan Jafar for her paper "Context Matters: Fundamentalism, Feminism, and NGOs in Pakistan" and Basak Kus whose paper was entitled "A Tale of Two Neoliberalisms: British and French Welfare Policy after the Neoliberal Turn."

We envision Social Problems and Global Issues to serve not only our Division members but all those who share an interest in the global dimension of social problems. We solicit contributions as well as suggestions from all of you. This is an exciting time to participate in the growth of the SSSP Global Division and so we invite you to get involved with our activities. Also, be sure to renew your SSSP and Global Division Membership!

Richard A. Dello Buono, Global Division Chair Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA



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GLOBAL DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 10TH

All Global Division members are invited to participate in the business meeting for our division scheduled for Thursday, August 10th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:10 p.m. in room Fontaine C. During the meeting we will create conference sessions for the 2007 SSSP meeting, discuss the student paper competition and address other issues pertinent to our division. If you would like to organize a paper session for next year's meeting in New York, this is the meeting for you! We look forward to seeing you there.

GLOBAL DIVISION MONTREAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

THEMATIC

Session 16: Globalization and Development: The WalMartization of the World?

Thursday, August 10 (10:30 a.m. to 12:10 a.m.)

Room: Pointe-aux-Trembles

Sponsor: Global Division

Organizer & Presider: David A. Smith, University of

California, Irvine

Papers:

"Why Are Some Countries Rich While Others Remain Poor? How Does Globalization Contribute to Wealth or Poverty of Nations?" Mukaria J. Itang'ata and Syprose A. Owaja, Western Michigan University

"The Bush Administration, Debt Relief, and Dependency," Matthew Williams, Boston College

"Infant Mortality in the World-System: The Cross-National Evidence," R. Scott Frey, University of Tennessee

"Rise of China and the Global Overaccumulation Crisis," Ho-fung Hung, Indiana University, Bloomington

"Finding a Counter-Globalization Agent: A Negative Case Critique of Multitude," Wai Kit Choi, University of California, Irvine. Session 24: Globalization and Transnational Politics

Thursday, August 10 (12:30 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.)

Room: Pointe-aux-Trembles

Sponsor: Global Division

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: John G. Dale,

George Mason University

Papers

"Putting Meat on the Skeleton Woman's Bones: The Participation of Women and Feminists in the World Social Forum," Ellen Reese, Christine Petit and Linda J. Kim, University of California, Riverside

"Global Neo-Institutional Diffusion, or National Changes in Gender Relations? Structural and Cultural Forces in the Adoption and Ratification of Gender-Specific International Labor Conventions," Michael Mulcahy, University of Connecticut, Stamford Campus

"Contested Bodies: Sex Trafficking and Transnational Politics," Amy Foerster, Pace University

"The Global Patriot Act: The Moroccan State, Women's Groups and the War on Terrorism," Zakia Salime, Michigan State University

"The Rise of Human Rights-Free Zones: Staging the Global State Order Beyond State Borders," John G. Dale, George Mason University and David J. Kyle, University of California, Davis



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Session 91: Regional Political Changes and Challenges to Globalization Saturday, August 12 (8:30 p.m. to 10:10 p.m.)

Room: Jacques-Cartier

Sponsor: Global Division

Organizer: Jon Shefner, University of Tennessee

Presider & Discussant: Mark Frezzo, Florida Atlantic

University

Papers:

"Framing Water: Connecting the Global with the Local," Joanna L. Robinson, University of British Columbia

"De-Sovietization and Globalization in the Republic of Azerbaijan: Ideology, Social Entrepreneurs, and Social Problems in the Post-Soviet Azerbaijan," Mehrangiz Najafizadeh, University of Kansas

"Islamization, Sovietization, and Globalization in Historical Context," Lewis A. Mennerick, University of Kansas

"Why do they Come?: Push and Pull Factors of Hispanic Immigration to the United States, since 1964," Crystal Ammons, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

"Globalization and the Securitization of Immigration Policy: Competing Influences on Anti-racism in Germany, France, Britain and the United States," Pamela Irving Jackson, Rhode Island College and Roderick Parkes, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik

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Session 102: Alternative Visions of Globalization Saturday, August 12 (10:30 p.m. to 12:10 p.m.)

Room: Jacques-Cartier

Sponsor: Global Division

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: David Foster Steele, Austin Peay State University

Papers:

"Reinventing Global Governance? Theorizing the Role of Movement Organizers," Mark Frezzo, Florida Atlantic University

"Selling Soap and Self-Esteem: Globalization, Marketing and Alternative Trade Networks at Social Enterprise Job Training Programs," Jennifer Nargang Chernega, Loyola University Chicago

"Alternate Visions of Globalization: Youth Identities and Global Education," Dominique Johnson, Temple University

"Critiquing the One Dimensional Conceptualization of Globalization in American 'Justice' Post 9/11," W. Gordon West, Laurentian University

"The Coalitional Efforts of National Labor Unions and National Environmental Organizations in the United States to Restructure Globalization," David Foster Steele, Austin Peay State University

2006 GLOBAL DIVISION STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION HAS CONCLUDED AND THE WINNER IS... A TIE !!!!!!!

Afshan Jafar "Context Matters: Fundamentalism, Feminism, and NGOs in Pakistan" and

Basak Kus "A Tale of Two Neoliberalisms: British and French Welfare Policy after the Neoliberal Turn"

Special thanks to the Co-Chairs of the 2006 SSSP Global Division Graduate Student Award Committee: Dr. Jon Shefner, University of Tennessee and Dr. David A. Smith, University of California, Irvine. There were many good papers submitted this year and most will be presented in Global Division panels in Montreal.



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MONTREAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS CO-SPONSORED BY THE GLOBAL DIVISION

Session 3: Globalization, Work, and Workers Thursday, August 10 (8:30 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.)

Room: Westmount

Sponsors: Global Division

Labor Studies Division

Organizer & Presider: Chuck Koeber, Wichita State

University

Papers:

"Hillbilly Norte: Globalization, Work, and the Latin Labor Struggle in Southern Appalachia, 1980-2006," Chris Baker, Walters State Community College

"Permission to Knock at the Door': H2Visas and Global Labor in the Catfish Industry," Kirsten Dellinger, University of Mississippi

"Symbolic and Material Migration Patterns: Constructions of Poverty, Motherhood and the Ukrainian Nation," Cinzia Solari, University of California, Berkeley

"Historical Causes and Contemporary Effects of Migration from the Yucatan," David Piacenti, Western Michigan University

"Labour Rights, Migrant Labour, and Border Security: Temporary Labour Programs in the Americas," Mark Thomas, York University

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Session 30: Teaching for Global-Local Problem Solving: Curriculum Transformation and Social Change

Thursday, August 10 (2:30 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.)

Room: Westmount

Sponsors: Global Division

Teaching Social Problems Division

Project South

Sociologists without Borders

Organizers & Presiders: Walda Katz-Fishman, Howard University and Project South Jerome Scott, Project South

Papers:

"Babies are God's Gift of Love...Abortion is Murder," Natalia Deeb-Sossa and Heather Kane, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

"Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Citizenship, Class and Sexual Orientation (GRECCSO): Intersecting Locations of Privilege, Power and Domination," Heather Dalmage, Cherise Harris and DaShelle Frazier, Roosevelt University

"Thinking Outside the Border: Using Cross-National Comparisons in Teaching Social Problems," Tim Bower and Janine Ralston, Western Michigan University

"Globalizing the Curriculum: Teaching About the UN, Peace-building and Human Rights," Diana Papademas, SUNY/Old Westbury

An Invitation for Contributing Authors

Sage Publications has announced that it will publish in 2007 a two-volume, multidisciplinary *Encyclopedia of Social Problems*, a premier reference tool for students, scholars, and professionals with a wide variety of specialties. General Editor Vincent N. Parrillo invites author contributors for the 700 entries of varying lengths (500, 1,000, 1,500, or 2,500 words). If you are interested in writing an entry (with a byline), send an e-mail to parrillov@wpunj.edu, giving your name, affiliation, address, phone number, c.v., and a short list of subject areas of greatest interest to you.



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Session 33: Global Crises in Health Care Thursday, August 10 (2:30 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.)

Room: LaSalle

Sponsors: Global Division

Health, Health Policy, and Health Services

Division

Organizer & Presider: Javier Pereira Bruno, University of Texas at Austin

Papers:

"Polio Eradication: A Case Study in Global Health Initiatives," Michele Tarnow, Syracuse University *Discussant:* Liliana Jadue, Universidad del Desarrollo

"The Social Politics of Tracking and Managing Avian Flu," Ananya Mukherjea, City University of New York

Discussant: Iris Delgado, Universidad del Desarrollo

"Homogeneous Policy/Heterogeneous Processes: A Historical Comparative Analysis of Legislating 'Border Health' in Mexico and the United States," Julie Collins-Dogrul, University of California, Davis *Discussant:* Viviana Salinas, PRC University of Texas at Austin

"Monitoring the Health Care Reform Process in Chile: AUGE Plan," Liliana Jadue, Universidad del Desarrollo

Discussant: Michele Tarnow, Syracuse University

"National Sanitary Goals 2000-2010: A Proposal of Method Way to Evaluate Health Inequalities," Iris Delgado, Universidad del Desarrollo *Discussant:* Ananya Mukherjea, City University of New York

"Health Insurance Strategies among Chilean Lower Middle Groups," Viviana Salinas, PRC University of Texas at Austin

Discussant: Julie Collins-Dogrul, University of California, Davis

Session 68: Globalized Repression and Resistance Friday, August 11 (2:30 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.)

Room: St-Michel

Sponsors: Conflict, Social Action, and Change

Division Global Division

Organizers & Presiders: A. Kathryn Stout, Chair, Conflict, Social Action and Change Division and Richard A. Dello Buono, Chair, SSSP Global Division

Papers:

"Privatization in Bolivia: Struggle and Resistance," Rebeca Jasso-Aguilar, University of New Mexico

"Responding to Human Suffering Through 'Human Shield' Transnational Solidarity Activism," Gada Mahrouse, University of Toronto

"Transnational Activism in an Age of Globalization," Rachel Carroll-Larson, Utah State University

"Capacity: Technical Tool or Political Fact?"
Baijayanta Mukhopadhyay, McGill University, Winner of the Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division's Student Paper Competition

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SCHOLAR-ACTIVIST SYMPOSIUM **NORTH AMERICANS IN SOLIDARITY WITH CUBA: EMERGING CHALLENGES AND NEW OPPORTUNITES**

AUGUST 13, 2006 ~ 9:00a- 12:15p HILTON MONTRÉAL BONAVENTURE 900, rue de La Gauchetiére Ouest Montréal, Québec, CANADA

Co-sponsors: SSSP Global Section: Program of International Development Studies, Dalhousie University; FLACSO-Cuba Programme, University of Havana.

Meeting Room: La Verriére

Special Session Organizers: Richard A. Dello Buono, Chair, SSSP Global Section and Elena Días, FLACSO-Cuba

Panel 1: CUBAN SOCIALISM TODAY / EL SOCIALISMO CUBANO HOY (9:00a to 10:30a)

Panel Chair: Richard A. Dello Buono, SSSP Global Section

"Achievements and Challenges in Cuban Socialism" Elena Diaz, FLACSO-Cuba

"Present Day Realities and Future Prospects in Cuba" Delia Luisa López, FLACSO-Cuba and José Bell Lara, **FLACSO-Cuba**

"US Hegemony, Neoliberalism, and Cuba" Daniel Egan, University of Mass.-Lowell

BOOK PRESENTATION:

"Cuba in the 21st Century: Realities and

Perspectives" Editorial José Martí, Havana, Cuba

Panel 2:

EXPANDING NORTH AMERICAN TIES WITH CUBA (10:45a-12:15p)

- CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY ABROAD IN CUBA
- NEW CHALLENGES FACING THE CANADIAN MOVEMENT IN SOLIDARITY WITH CUBA

Panel Co-Chairs: Elena Diaz, FLACSO-Cuba and Colette Lavergne, Table de Concertation de Solidarité Québec-Cuba (TCSQ-C)

"IDS Cuba-Canada Exchange Program" Marian T. Mackinnon, International Development Studies Program, Dalhousie University

"Overview and Current State of Solidarity Movement with Cuba" Colette Lavergne, Table de Concertation de Solidarité Québec-Cuba (TCSQ-C)

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GLOBAL DIVISION SYMPOSIUM

GLOBALIZATION AND NEOLIBERAL CRISES: SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND SOCIAL STRUGGLES

Preliminary list: (panels in formation)

"The Social Impact of Globalization" Delia Luisa Lopez and José Bell Lara, FLACSO-Cuba

"Indigenous Movements in the Americas: Pro-Traditionalism and Anti-NeoLiberalism" James V. Fenelon, California State University

"Imperialism and Environment in Times of Neoliberal Crisis" Victor Figueroa, Autonomous University of Zacatecas

"The Boundaries of Belonging: Reflections on Migration Policies into the 21st Century" Alison Crosby, Inter Pares, Ottawa

"South American Dialogue: Another Integration is Possible" Diana Avila, PCS and R. A. Dello Buono, SSSP Global Section

"Facing the Challenges of Sustainability and Development: A Sociological Evaluation of the New Urban State in Buenos Aires" Ryan Centner, Univ. of CA, Berkeley

"Canada's Global City Hierarchy" Nathanael Matthiesen, UIC-Irvine

"Social Policy Decision-Making in Argentina During the 2002-2003 Emergency: A Case Study of the 'Plan Jefes de Hogar" Jimena Arias Feijoo, Centro de Estudios de Estado y Sociedad (CEDES), Argentina

"Social Movements in the Western Hemisphere: Towards the First U.S. Social Forum" Jerome Scott, Project South, Atlanta

"Waking up to the 'Katrina Moment" Walda Katz Fishman, Howard University /Project South

"Neo-Liberal Globalization in the Philippines: Its Impact on Filipino Women and Their Forms of Resistance" Ligaya Lindio-McGovern, Indiana University

"A Tale of Two Neoliberalisms: British and French Welfare Policy after the Neoliberal Turn" Basak Kus, University of California, Berkeley.

"You're On Your Own: The Neo-Liberal Assault on Social Policy." James Russell, Eastern Connecticut State University AUGUST 13, 2006 – 2:00p- 6:15p HILTON MONTRÉAL BONAVENTURE 900, rue de La Gauchetiére Ouest Montréal, Québec, CANADA

Meeting Room: Le Portage & La Verriére

Co-sponsors: SSSP Global Section; the journal *Critical Sociology;* Project South, Atlanta; Inter Pares, Ottawa; Project Counselling Service, Peru/Latin America; FLACSO-Cuba Program, University of Havana.

Session Organizers: Richard A. Dello Buono, SSSP Global Division; José Bell Lara, FLACSO-Cuba/University of Havana; and David Fasenfest, Wayne State University and Editor, *Critical Sociology*

Session I: SURVIVAL STRUGGLES UNDER NEOLIBERALISM

Session II: URBAN DILEMMAS UNDER CAPITALIST GLOBALIZATION

Session III: MIGRATION AND BORDER CRISES

Session IV: POPULAR STRUGGLES AND ALTERNATIVES IN THE AMERICAS: ANOTHER INTEGRATION IS POSSIBLE

Participation open to all SSSP Members!

Many thanks to the co-sponsors for making this post-conference symposium possible!



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FEATURED BOOKS BY OUR MEMBERS

DOUBLE STANDARD Social Policy in Europe and the United States

by James W. Russell

Today Europeans see their strong welfare states as necessary counters to the worst features of unrestrained capitalism, and pay high taxes to support generous social benefits. Americans, to the contrary, have been conditioned to shudder at the very idea of a welfare state, instead upholding a laissez-faire faith in market solutions to social problems. They pay low taxes and have few tax-subsidized benefits.

In this extensive study, James W. Russell explains the development of social and welfare policy models, comparatively examining the way in which Europe and the United States have handled the social problems of poverty, inequality, unemployment, family support, health care provision, ethnic and racial conflict, and crime. Russell demonstrates that the disparate European and American social policy orientations have produced social ways of life that are now in contention for the future of western society.

This is a wonderful book, erudite and sophisticated, yet lucid and to the point. Russell offers us a sweeping portrait of the development of social policy in Europe and America, and helps us to understand not only the differences between the European and American welfare states, but why those differences are so important.

Frances Fox Piven, author of *Regulating the Poor* President-elect, American Sociological Association

Russell's tools are clear writing, tight argumentation, and impeccable logic. He uses them to calmly and surgically dismantle the myth of American superiority as he explains how and why Americans receive far fewer social welfare benefits than their European counterparts. A real eye-opener.

Levon Chorbajian, University of Massachusetts

Comparative social policy has begun to acquire a deserved status in recent years and this detailed and engaging book is a significant and welcome addition to the canon. At a time when policy transfer, from the US to the UK, between European states, and from the 'West' to the 'East' and vice versa, is the subject of much heated political and policy debate, this careful analysis draws out similarities and differences between welfare regimes in a thorough-going, evidence-based manner. It is also strongly recommended for its attention to the impact of history and ideology.

Gary Craig, University of Hull, UK

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