

Strikes
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Strike Activity in the 21st Century: Implications of the Recent Global Upsurge

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Programme

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Agenda - Day 1

Time	Activity
09.00-09.30	Arrival and registration
09.30-09.40	<p>Venue: King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eddie Cottle: Welcome and opening
09.40-10.00	<p>Venue: King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote address by Mercia Andrews, Trust for Community, Outreach and Education
10.00-11.00 Raquel Varela	<p>Venue: King</p> <p>Beverly Silver: Labor Movements, War and Global Systemic Chaos: Escaping a New Vicious Circle</p>
11.00-11.30	Break
11.30-13.00	Parallel sessions
20th Century Strikes & Protest Crispen Chinguno	<p>Venue: King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carlos Salas and Luis Quintana: Strikes and social conflict in Mexico • Nikolina Rajković: Archive of the Labour Unrest in the Post-Socialist Croatia • Diego Latorre Manglano: Female Workers on Strike: Struggles at INDUYCO Textile Factory in Madrid (Spain 1976-1977)

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<p>Movement Building</p> <p>Nicola Quondamatteo</p>	<p>Venue: Queen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutekwe Paddington: <i>Understanding Civil Society Coping Mechanisms with Government and State Authorities Counter-mobilisation Tactics in Zimbabwe.</i> • Liliana Segnini: <i>Social Movements of Artists in the Context of the Covid19 Pandemic in Brazil (translation from Portuguese)</i> • Maria van Driel: <i>Movement building in the current context of neoliberal onslaught - a critical engagement with Khanya College's work over the past decade.</i> • Buntu Siwisa: <i>The South African Council on Sport (SACOS): a social movement on strike?: 1973 – 1990s.</i>
<p>13.00-14.00</p>	<p>Lunch, in the Restaurant</p>
<p>14.00-15.30</p>	<p>Parallel sessions</p>
<p>Farm Worker Struggles</p> <p>Ruth Castel-Branco</p>	<p>Venue: King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fred Hendricks: <i>Farm Labour Strikes in the Western Cape.</i> • Aleksandra Markovic: <i>Defiance and Solidarity: The Case of the Wildcat Strike of Latin American Agricultural Seasonal Workers in England.</i> • Rajdeep Roy and Ankhi Mukherjee: <i>Trials, Tribulations and Triumphs of Peasant Movements in India in the 21st Century.</i>
<p>Unionisation in sectors</p> <p>Antonio Paco</p>	<p>Venue: Queen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crispen Chinguno: <i>Solidarity divided: Platinum belt varieties of unionism post Marikana strike wave.</i> • Adrian Thomas: <i>The pioneering strike in a large Belgian factory for the 36-hour week (1979).</i> • Kindeye Fenta Mekonnen: <i>Looking into the Modus Operandi of Contemporary Unions and their Effect on the Right to Strike: Lessons from the Ethiopia Teachers Association (ETA).</i>

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15.30-16.00	Break
16.00-17.30 Buntu Siwisa	<p>Venue: King</p> <p>Plenary book launches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ralph Darlington: <i>Labour Revolt in Britain 1910-14.</i> • Raquel Varela and Roberto Della Santa: <i>Brief History of Portugal 1807-2020.</i> • Eddie Webster: <i>Recasting Worker's Power: Work and Inequality in the Shadow of the Digital Age.</i>
17.30	Closure
17.30	Bo-Kaap Heritage Tour (voluntary paid tour)
18.00-21.00	Departure for Bo-Kaap Kombuis (Conference Dinner)

Agenda - Day 2

Time	Activity
08.30-10.30	Visit to District Six Museum
10.30-12.00	Parallel sessions
University Struggles Eddie Webster	<p>Venue: King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret Eby, Elizabeth Emmott-Torres, Thomas Gepts, Justin Germain, Sarah Mason, and Natalie Pasquinelli: <i>Striking the Extractive University.</i> • Sarah Mason: <i>Unionisation and Labor Action in Higher Education in the US.</i>

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<p>Struggles impacting social relations</p> <p>Ankhi Mukherjee</p>	<p>Venue: Queen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire Ceruti: <i>The special potential of strikes to expose social relations: a study of two strikes in South Africa.</i> • Samuel Umoh: <i>The Economic Freedom Fighters and Mass Picketing in South Africa.</i> • Antonater Tafadzwa Choto: <i>Wavering of Workers' Power in Zimbabwe in the 21st Century.</i>
<p>12.00-13.30</p>	<p>Parallel sessions</p>
<p>Organising Workers</p> <p>Claire Ceruti</p>	<p>Venue: Queen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicola Quondamatteo: <i>A Complicated story. Organising migrant workers in the Italian shipbuilding industry.</i> • António Simões do Paço: <i>From strikes to organisation – the new teachers' unionism in Portugal.</i> • Henry Fowler: <i>Putting Struggle on the Map: Three Years of Strike Map.</i>
<p>Workers in the Gig Economy</p> <p>Martin Jansen</p>	<p>Venue: King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Badrinath Rao: <i>Vindicating Workers' Rights in the Gig Economy: Notes on a 'Success Story' from Rajasthan, India?</i> • Ruth Castelo Branco & Eddie Webster: <i>Building the car while driving it: organising platform workers in the e-hailing sector in Kenya.</i> • Suraj Telange: <i>Labour Organising at Indian Amazon E-commerce Warehouses and Implications for Union Organising.</i>
<p>13.30-14.15</p>	<p>Lunch, in the Restaurant</p>

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14.15-15.45	Parallel sessions
<p>Strike Waves across the Globe</p> <p>Eddie Cottle</p>	<p>Venue: King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Kahulugan and La Marañon: Labor in the time of ‘Ebb’: Rodrigo Duterte and the Philippine Strike Wave of 2016-2020. • Ralph Darlington: The 2022-2023 British Strike Wave and its Implications for the Study of Industrial Relations. • Dev Nathan: Garment Workers’ Strikes and Sticky Wages: An Analysis of the Asian Experience.
<p>Public Sector Struggles</p> <p>Nicola Quondamatteo</p>	<p>Venue: Queen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denise Vesper, Cornelius König and Julian Kohlbrecher: Willingness to strike among nurses in Germany in relation to the job demand resource model and occupational calling. • Greg Dor and Sam Tilley: Strikes in the public sector in South Africa: a history & their connections. • Dina Feller, Mario Libran and Teresa Conrow: Disruption Experience: Air Traffic Control Workers in Uruguay and Argentina Conquering Decent Work.
15.45-16.00	Break
<p>16.00-17.00</p> <p>Eddie Cottle</p>	<p>Venue: King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary: South Africa's ICJ case in support of Palestine: Mahmoud Patel, University of the Western Cape
17.00	Closure
17.00	Departure to Table Mountain


Agenda - Day 3

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<p style="text-align: center;">09.00-10.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tafadzwa Choto</p>	<p>Venue: King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lola Loustaunau: <i>Striking at the Intersection of Productive and Reproductive Work: Wildcat Strikes Among Migrant Women in the Apple Industry in the US</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">10.00-10.30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Break</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">10.30-12.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ralph Darlington</p>	<p>Venue: King</p> <p>Assessing the Global Strike Waves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raquel Varela: <i>New Strike Patterns: Portugal 2008-2023</i> • Eddie Cottle: <i>Economic Long Waves and Long Waves of Strikes in South Africa: An international perspective.</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">12.00-13.00</p>	<p>Venue: King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcel van der Linden: <i>Lenin, the general crisis of capitalism, and the current decline of labour movements</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">13.00-13.15</p>	<p>Venue: King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raquel Varela: <i>Closing of conference</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">13.15-14.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch, in the Restaurant</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">14.00-17.00</p>	<p>Venue: King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Meeting of International Association of Strikes and Social Conflicts (IASSC)
<p style="text-align: center;">17.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Closure</p>



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