INTERNATIONAL MASTER PROGRAMMES FOR TRADE UNIONISTS

INTERNATIONAL MASTER PROGRAMMES ON LABOUR AND GLOBALISATION

Labour in a Global Economy

Working women and men in formal and informal employment and their trade unions are facing the challenges of rapid economic and social change.

The current form of globalisation is undermining the social fabric of many societies, without providing an adequate new regulatory and protective framework.

The GLU encourages research and debate on social and economic policies in order to promote a socially and environmentally sustainable and inclusive model of globalisation.

The Masters programmes equip trade unionists engaging more efficiently in social dialogue, public debate and policy implementation to achieve decent work for all. This includes living wages, social security, gender equality, workers' rights and social justice, all of which are key to combating poverty and social exclusion.

Multidisciplinary

All programmes are multidisciplinary, combining sociology, economics, political science, labour law, and history.

Language

Sufficient knowledge in English is a necessary condition for participation. However, as this is a challenge for many participants special courses are offered at the beginning of the programmes helping students to further improve their language skills.

International

The Global Labour University (GLU) is a network of universities, international and national trade unions, civil society organisations and the International Labour Organisation to provide postgraduate qualification programmes for trade unionists and labour experts. The unique global cooperation between academic institutions, the labour movement and the ILO offers students a wide range of academic and practical expertise. The global composition of students creates a genuine "one world" research and learning environment.

Internships with Global Unions, the ILO and trade union organisations in Europe, Latin America and Africa provide practical insights into policies and initiatives to promote better labour rights and offer exceptional opportunities for research work.

> " International research, knowledge and debate together with organising and solidarity are central to the labour movement's efforts for changing policies to make decent work for all a global reality. The GLU is an innovative contribution to that process ... "
>
> Guy Ryder,
> ITUC General Secretary

Candidate Profile

▶ Experience in trade union work or related fields.

▶ Bachelor's degree in political science, sociology, economics, law or an equivalent degree.

▶ In exceptional cases admission will be granted to candidates with skills and qualifications gained through professional experience and life-long learning.

▶ Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

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MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF GLOBALISATION

BRAZIL
Social Economy and Labour at Universidade Estadual de Campinas

GERMANY
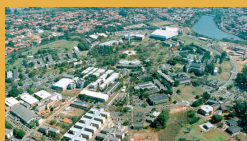Labour Policies and Globalisation at Universität Kassel/FHW Berlin

SOUTH AFRICA
Labour and Development at University of the Witwatersrand

The GLU connects scholars and labour practioners globally. The international Masters Programmes on Labour and Globalisation in Brazil, Germany and South Africa enable students to develop analytical skills and knowledge needed for work in labour organisations at national and international level. Each course has a distinct thematic profile. Faculty and students exchange between the three programmes, joint workshops and conferences are unique opportunities to learn about different concepts and policies to advance fairer globalisation and decent work.

BRAZIL

UNIVERSIDADE ESTADUAL DE CAMPINAS

The University of Campinas is one of the most distinguished Brazilian academic institutions. The University is located in the State of Sao Paulo. It seeks to contribute to the solution of social problems through education and research.

The Master on "Social Economy and Labour" focuses in a comparative perspective on development economics, the role of multinational corporations in the global south and labour strategies against inequality and poverty.

The partnership with the Central Única dos Trabalhadores (CUT) links the programme with a key organization of the vibrant Brazilian civil society that initiated the World Social Forum as the global gathering to discuss and mobilize for an alternative globalisation.

Deadline for applications: 1 September
Start of Course: February
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GERMANY

UNIVERSITÄT KASSEL/FHW BERLIN

The program is jointly offered by the University of Kassel and the Berlin School of Economics; two academic institutions with special expertise on global governance, macroeconomics and the informal economy.

The focus of the Master programme "Labour Policies and Globalisaton" is on understanding and addressing the challenges for labour posed by corporate decisions on investments across nations, by predominantly supply-side oriented macroeconomics, and by neo-liberal rules for trade and finance on a global level. Discussion of the adequacy of alternative policies for labour is a central element throughout the programme.

Close cooperation with the German trade union federation (DGB) and European trade unions provide insights in the practice of social dialogue, collective bargaining, and co-determination in the German and European context.

Deadline for applications: 1 April
Start of Course: September
Contact: glu.germany@uni-kassel.de

SOUTH AFRICA

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND

The University of the Witwatersrand is a renowned African university which seeks to be critically responsive to society's expectations that higher education should become a key driver of development for people, communities, social institutions and democracy.

The programme has a special focus on "Labour and Development". It aims to build capacity and competence for trade unions to enable constructive engagement in policy proposals that can make a difference and improve the position of working people and society at large within the context of sustainable development

The cooperation with the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) provides the unique opportunity for students to cooperate with a labour organisation in a country where organised labour decisively contributed to the end of apartheid and where social movement unionism is a cornerstone of democracy and social dialogue.

Deadline for applications: 1 September
Start of Course: January
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